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JANUARY 1974 BULLETIN 430 South Michigan, Box 326
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The fifty-sixth general meeting of the Israel Numismatic Society of Illinois (INSI) will be held at the

HYATT HOUSE RESTAURANT
4500 Touhy Avenue
(corner of Lincoln and Touhy in Lincolnwood)
Sunday, January 20, 1974
6:00 P.M.

This is our Second Annual Installation and Awards Dinner. Last year there were about 40 members and friends in attendance, and we all had a very enjoyable evening. This year's affair should be even better. The speaker of the evening will be Dr. Jack P. Cowen. You may recall that Dr. Cowen was our speaker at the December 1972 meeting, and we are fortunate in having him again. This time his subject will be "The Falasha Jews of Ethiopia". These are black Abyssinian tribes that observe a form of Judaism. This is a fascinating subject, and I am sure will be of great interest to all present. For any additional information or last minute plans, you may call Dinner Chairman Peggy Goldsmith at 673-8514. Please bear in mind that this dinner meeting will replace the regular meeting for this month only.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: I wish to thank the members and officers of INSI for their excellent cooperation in making this past year the success it was. We have grown in membership; we have had a full and interesting educational speakers program; we have continued to put out a monthly bulletin that remains the best in INS.

None of these things just happened. Each required continuous efforts on the part of the various committees — and of every member. So special thanks go to Joe Sporn for arranging our programs, to Ben Odesser for getting us new members who are truly interested, to Lou Nagy and his committee for handling the special awards program, and to Harry Flower and his nominations committee. Very special thanks to each member of the Board for their extra time and extra efforts.

I said good things don't just happen, and its only through the herculean efforts of Harry Flower as Editor and Dr. Alan Feinberg as Assistant Editor that INSI produces the GREAT bulletin that we receive each month.

Finally, I thank the members for their confidence in reelecting me — and hope that we can improve our record even more so this year.

RECAP OF DECEMBER MEETING: President Saul Needleman opened the meeting by wishing the members a HAPPY HANUKKAH. After the Treasurer's report he reminded the Club that our funds were low and that payment of dues were in order. Please make payment promptly so that a reminder will not be necessary. If unable to attend the next meeting, you may mail your check, payable to Israel Numismatic Society of Illinois, to the Club address. Membership dues are: Senior members - $5.00; spouse - $4.00; Junior members - $3.00 (ages 12-17); junior members - less that 12 - no charge.... He then announced that Club orders for the new 1973 Hanukkah Coins and the 1974 Pidyon Haben Coins would be taken by Treasurer Peggy Goldsmith at the end of the meeting.... Plans for a INSI 5th Anniversary Medal was discussed. (More about this later).... A 2nd Century clay oil lamp was then auctioned off. The lucky winner was

Mr. Joseph Ashman. The proceeds are for the benefit of the Club....Dr. Needleman then called on Chairman Harry Flower to present the slate of INSI officers for 1974. (This list was published in the BULLETIN of December 1973). As there were no nominations from the floor, the Secretary was instructed to cast a unanimous vote. Congratulations! We know that these officers will continue to serve our organization to the best of their ability. Special "good wishes" to Stewart Koppel who was elected for the first time....Door prizes were next. The lucky winners were Myron Tiersky, Norbert Jericho, Sylvia Odesser, Leo Hecht, Liz Krinsky, Brad Lippitz, Ned Fishkin, Melvin Greenstein, Peggy Goldsmith, Saul Needleman, Alan Feinberg and Emanuel Margoliash. Of course, we want to thank the donors for their donations of the prizes....The exhibits were next, after which the meeting was adjourned, and the Hanukkah Party was held. There was a menoran, decorations, appropriate music and plenty of refreshments. There was a large cake in honor of Ben's Birthday (thanks to Sylvia Odesser) and a large amount of delicious cookies in honor of the Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Greenstein (thanks to Pearl Greenstein) with coffee, soft drinks and other goodies.

EXHIBITS: The first exhibitor was Mr. Harry Flower. In keeping with the holiday spirit, he displayed the complete series of Franklin Mint Hanukkah medals. (One example was illustrated in the INSI BULLETIN, December 1973). Also the elongated U.S. cent that was issued by Dottie Dow in 1967 to commemorate "Chanukah". This piece (see illustration) is quite attractive and is believed to be the first elongated Hanukkah issue....As a "tie-in" with Mr. Robert Leonard's article concerning monies used in Palestine prior to the British Mandate period, Mr. Flower also displayed an illustrated magazine article "Palestine's Currency Chaos in 1918". This article features "PUBLIC NOTICE No. 10" which was posted by the British Forces in November 1917 after the occupation of Palestine. This poster listed the official equivalent of the non-Turkish coins that were in circulation. The gold coins listed and displayed were as follows: 1 English Pound, 20 French Francs, 20 Italian Lira, 5 U.S. Dollars, 20 Swiss Francs, 20 Austrian Crowns and 20 German Marks. The silver coins were as follows: 1 English Shilling, 1 French Franc and 1 Indian Rupee.

The second exhibitor was Mr. Benjamin Nortman. Also in keeping with the theme of the month, he exhibited a most beautiful Hanukkah Menorah, a copy of a 12th century masterpiece. This piece, crafted in 800 fine silver, can only be described as "exquisite", a masterpiece in itself, truly a museum item. We thank Mr. Nortman for bringing this rare and valuable menorah to the meeting.

The next exhibitor was Mr. Robert Leonard. Bob had a copy of COINage, November 1973 issue, with his article, "How's Your Counterfeit I.Q.?" and the book, WITH THE RUSSIAN PILGRIMS TO JERUSALEM by Steven Graham, London, 1913. This book, which was the basis for his INSI BRIEFS in the November and December BULLETINS, was left on the table for examination.

Then Mr. Ben Odesser displayed and spoke on an interesting and historical token. This piece, known as a "Zichron Jacob" token, was struck in France by order of Baron Rothschild in 1886 for use in some Jewish settlements in Palestine. They were issued in 1/4, 1/2 and 1 matlik, corresponding to the Turkish currency then in use. Circulation of these tokens was soon halted by the Turkish authorities.

Mr. Stewart Koppel next spoke about a full page ad from HADDASSAH MAGAZINE, issue of

December 19, 1973. This ad from the Judaic Medal Society of Half Moon Bay, California was for "Twelve Tribes of Israel Medals". The ad read that this was a "limited issue" .....He then showed an original brochure from this firm that was printed in 1969 when he had subscribed to this series over 4 years ago. Stewart's complaint was that the company should have stated that this was a continuation of an earlier issue and not give the impression that it was new.

The last exhibitor was Dr. Saul Needleman. He had an ancient clay lamp (which was later raffled), a 100 year old Torah Pointer or Yad he purchased in Amsterdam, a modern reproduction in copper of a 1st century oil lamp (made by himself) and lastly an ancient Roman coin. This Roman Republican Coin was a silver denarius of L. Porcius Licinius (B.C. 112-108). This praetor was appointed by the Senate to pay the expenses of a Jewish peace delegation to Rome.

INSI-ISRAEL EMERGENCY FUND: Your INSI, as other similar groups throughout the country, had a drive to raise money for the Israel Emergency Fund. Dr. Needleman has reported that $277.00 was donated by members of our Club and has been forwarded to the proper official. Many thanks to those who contributed to this cause.

INSI PERSONALS: In the Winter 1973 issue of THE SHEKEL (Volume VI, No. 4) is a new six volume index to this publication. Among the articles listed are those by some INSI members. These INSI writers are: Dr. Alan Feinberg, Mr. Harry Flower, Mr. Robert Leonard, Dr. Saul Needleman, Mr. Ben Odesser and Mr. Joseph Sporn. Please bear in mind that any member may submit an article on a Judaic numismatic subject for publication in the INSI BULLETIN or THE SHEKEL or in some cases both.

The INSI extends special thanks to Dr. Alan Feinberg who leaves the Board as an elected officer for his continued efforts for the Club.

Mr. Ben Odesser is a candidate for reelection as a Board Member of the Token and Medal Society (TAMS). We recommend that all INSI members that are also TAMS members vote for him. Good Luck, Ben!

We are glad to have Dr. E. Margoliash back with us after surgery, and that complete recovery will be soon. All of us wish him the best of health.

By the time you receive this BULLETIN, 2nd Vice President Stewart Koppel will be a patient in St. Joseph's Hospital in Aurora. Here again, we wish him a quick recovery and back in a short time with his family and friends.

The father of our Treasurer, Mrs. Peggy Goldsmith, died Sunday the 13th of January. We wish to extend our condolences to her and her family.

NEW JUDAICA-AMERICANA MEDAL: In keeping with our policy of informing INSI members of new issues, we want to report that the Community Synagogue, 200 Forest Avenue, Rye, New York, 10580 has issued its 25th Anniversary Commemorative Medal. Only 250 pieces of this 39mm. pure silver medal was struck by the Medallic Art Co. of Danbury, Connecticut. It is beautiful in design and meaningful in symbolism. The medal, complete with brochure, is available from above for a $15 donation.

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WESTERBORK CONCENTRATION CAMP AND ITS CURRENCY

by Harry Flower

After the "Crystal Night" pogrom of November 9, 1938, thousands of Jews fled Germany, many of them to Holland. The Dutch government built barracks at Westerbork, in northwest Holland near the town of Assen, to house these Jewish refugees. When the Germans invaded Holland in May 1940, the Nazis only had to surround the camp with barbed wire, and another concentration camp was established. From this camp the Jews were sent to Auschwitz and other death camps.

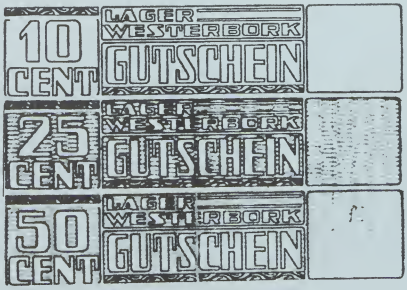
When the Dutch opened the camp, a form of government had been instituted at Westerbork. This was continued under the German occupation. Mail and food parcels were sometimes allowed, and "money" was issued for the inmates to use.

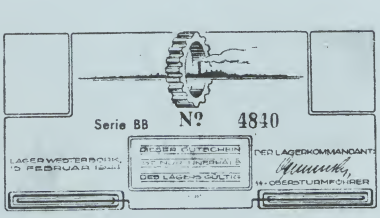
This "money" in the form of scrip, was not considered to be currency and had the German word "GUTSCHEIN" (credit coupon) in large letters printed on them: this was to avoid Hitler's order which prohibited Jews from possessing real money.

There were four denominations of this special currency issued; these were 10, 25, 50 and 100 cents. All of these are similar in size and design but differ in color and denomination.

On the obverse of the notes, the denomination is printed in a 25 x 25mm. square in the top left and the bottom right corners. In the top center in a 22 x 52mm. rectangle is the inscription in three lines "LAGER WESTERBORK GUTSCHEIN" (camp Westerbork credit coupon). Just below, in another 22 x 52mm. rectangle, is a scene showing a view of the camp with the main road in the center. This road was known to the inmates as "Boulevard des Miseres".

The reverse of the notes feature the denomination in very large white colored numbers (difficult to see on the illustration); above, a geared wheel; and printed through the center, the series and the serial numbers in black ink. To the left in small letters in two lines, "LAGER WESTERBORK / 15 FEBRUAR 1944". In the center panel in three lines, "DIESER GUTSCHEIN / IST NUR INNERHALB / DES LAGERS GÜLTIG". To the right also in small letters, "DER LAGERKOMMANDANT:" below this the signature of the camp commander. Just below the signature, "SS - OBERSTURMFÜHRER".





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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: After a very successful dinner at which — unfortunately — due to illness, etc. — most of the Board was installed in absentia, we are ready for another interesting and educational year. Programs for about half the year already are in the final stages of confirmation. We are still looking for ideas and suggestions for the rest of the year. Articles for the INSI BRIEFS are always needed. You can't find an easier way to get your name into print. A little time in the library, and you're on your way to instant fame. So far, articles written for INSI BRIEFS have appeared in THE SHEKEL and in the bulletins of at least five other INS groups. We've got a good track record, but it only works after you write the article for INSI. Get curious! Look up that topic you always meant to read up on anyway. Spend a few minutes writing it up. We'll do the rest. There are many of you we still haven't heard from.

Give me your ideas on what you want at meetings. INSI is only as good as you make it.

RECAP OF JANUARY MEETING: The annual dinner meeting of January 20 is now history. All of the 37 people that attended (members, family and friends) agreed that it was a very enjoyable evening. The private dining room was spacious, the tables beautifully set, and the food was excellent. There was a souvenir program at each setting, and everyone received a gift.

After the dinner President Saul Needleman opened the meeting by welcoming those who were present. He then introduced the guests. Following this, Mr. Harry Flower was called upon by Dr. Needleman to install the officers. Since three of the newly elected officers were not present for the installation, Mr. Flower explained their absence. First Vice President Stewart Koppel was in the hospital recovering from surgery; Second Vice President Louis Nagy was detained by a situation beyond his control, and Treasurer Peggy Goldsmith had a death in the family, her father had passed away a few days before. After a few brief statements installing officer Harry Flower officially pronounced Dr. Saul Needleman President by handing him the gavel, Sondra Needleman Secretary, and the absentees their proper posts. We want to congratulate these 5 people and wish them a successful term of office.

Program Chairman Joseph Sporn introduced the speaker of the evening, Dr. Jack P. Cowen. Dr. Cowen is an ophthalmologist, and for recreation is a numismatist, explorer, archeologist, artist and world traveler. One of his trips was to Ethiopia, where he studied the Falashas of that country. His descriptions of these people were fascinating; his word pictures of their activities and customs were outstanding. Their religious practices are actually a form of Judaism quite similar to that we know. Some of the Jewish Holidays are unknown to them, and they have no knowledge of Hebrew. It is a remarkable situation, — a group of black Abyssinian tribes, probably about 25,000, living in several village communities, their origin unknown, practicing a form of Judaism.

We sincerely thank Dr. Cowen for bringing their story to us. His presentation was most interesting, and at the end he passed around sketches that he had made "on the spot". We hope that Dr. Cowen will visit with us again. As a token of appreciation from INSI Dr. Needleman presented our guest speaker with an ancient coin, a silver Roman denarius.

Just prior to adjournment of the meeting, Mr. Flower was given the floor to make a presentation. This was a small box containing a Judaic Elongated Cent (see INSI BULLETIN, January 1974). The container was inscribed TO/ SAUL B. NEEDLEMAN/ 1973/ IN APPRECIATION/ I. N. S. I. BOARD/ PRESENTED JANUARY 20, 1974. Needless to say, Dr. Needleman was both surprised and very pleased. It was the Board's "thank you token" for a job well done in 1973.

1974 INSI DUES: This is just a reminder. If you have not already paid your dues, please come prepared to pay at the February meeting. If unable to attend, please send a check, payable to INSI, to the Club's address.

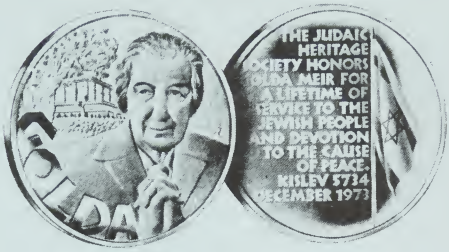
A. I. N. A. - ISRAEL 1974 TOUR: The AINA sponsored 6th Annual Tour to Israel will leave New York on March 5, 1974 for 2 weeks. This year there will be an optional extension to Rome and London. For more information and a brochure write to Garber Travel, 1406 Beacon Street, Brookline, Massachusetts, 02146 or to A. I. N. A., Box 3194, Church Street Station, New York, New York, 10008. If interested, please hurry as only a limited number of seats are still available.

A. I. N. A. 1974 CONVENTION: The Second Annual Convention will take place May 2, 3, 4 and 5 at the New York Sheraton in New York. Last year Ben Odesser and Harry Flower attended, and both reported that it was just "great" and plan to go again. Perhaps this year we can attend as a "group". Let's plan a "long weekend" for the first week in May and have a real INSI representation at this important event.

ISRAEL COINS TO HONOR BEN-GURION: David Ben-Gurion, who passed away on December 1, 1973, will be commemorated on three new 1974 dated coins of Israel. These coins will be 100 pounds and 250 pounds in gold and a 10 pound in silver. The designs, mintage figures and ordering details will be announced at a later date. They are tentatively scheduled for release on the first anniversary of his death, December 1974. (Illustration from a Ben-Gurion Medal by Paul Vincze of London) As a note of interest, Lod Airport near Tel-Aviv has had its name officially changed to "David Ben-Gurion International Airport" as of January 15, 1974.

NEW LERNER MEDAL FOR ISRAEL'S 25th: To commemorate Israel's 25th Anniversary, Mr. A. Lerner, P.O. Box G, Denville, New Jersey, 07834 has issued a new medal. This new issue, rich in symbolism, was struck only in 0.999 fine silver from hand cut dies. It is 1 1/4" in diameter and is limited to an issue of 500 pieces. It is currently available from Mr. Lerner at the above address.

NEW MEDAL TO HONOR GOLDA MEIR: The Judaic Heritage Society has selected Golda Meir as the recipient of the Society's Annual "Man Of The Year" Award for 1973. This 39mm. medal will be issued in sterling silver (10,000) and gold plated sterling silver (5,000), set in a lucite stand-up frame. The medal was designed by Gilroy Roberts and struck by the Franklin Mint. For more information and a brochure, write to The Judaic Heritage Society, Suite 4011, 866 United Nations Plaza, New York, New York, 10017.



INSI PERSONALS: We are happy to report that First Vice President Stewart Koppel is convalescing at his home and is coming along fine. We all wish him a quick recovery and hope to see him soon.

For those who didn't know, we would like to state that INSI member Dave Schecter is the Editor of the CHICAGO COIN CLUB CHATTER, the bulletin of the C. C. C. Dave is doing a fine job.

INSI APPOINTMENTS FOR 1974: Dr. Needleman has appointed the following for committee chairmen for special jobs:

Jeffery Lillien — Junior Membership
Don Oppenheim — Program Chairman
Ben Odesser — Membership and Anniversary Medal
Joe Sporn — BULLETIN articles

PROGRAM FOR FEBRUARY: Our program for February will be "new and different". The speaker will be Mr. Richard Blair of Congregation Beth El of Highland Park, and his subject will be "Kabbalah - Medieval Jewish Mysticism". This is a most interesting subject, and I am sure everyone will enjoy the talk.

After the meeting we will have the usual refreshments and social period. As a reminder, there will be displays, so bring that Judaic, numismatic or new acquisition and tell the rest of the group about it. Of course, friends and visitors are welcome.

THE JERUSALEM POST WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 1973

Specially minted replicas of ancient Jewish coins are to be distributed to tourists arriving in the next three months by the Ministry of Tourism. The Shimeon (Bar-Kokhba) coin (132-135 c.e.) at top, and the Shekel (3-68 c.e.) are already available in sufficient quantities for distribution to visitors during the Christmas and New Year holidays. (Radovan)

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THE BAR KOKHBA CAVE OF LETTERS MEDAL

by Saul B. Needleman, Ph.D.

That the war of Bar Kokhba, the Second Revolt against the Romans, occurred is well-documented in Jewish sources such as the Talmud and Midrash and in non-Jewish writings of 100-200 years following the event. So scanty was the information available, however, that the precise reasons for the Revolt as well as the exact name of its leader was not certain. In 1960 a careful scientific exploration by Yigael Yadin of a cave in the Nahal Hever district of the Judaean desert yielded a bundle of ancient papyri — letters from one Shimeon Ben Kosiba (in Aramaic, Simeon Bar Kokhba), President over Israel, to his commanders at En-gedi which after 1800 years created a real "living" personality from a legendary folklore hero. One letter in particular established the correct spelling and pronouncement of his name. None of the letters is written in the first person singular by Simeon or bear the same handwriting since they represent official orders dictated to scribes.

The letters are addressed to Yehonathan son of Be'aya alone or together with Masabala son of Simeon. These were apparently the military commanders of En-gedi. Bar Kokhba emerges as a strong tough man with obvious leadership characteristics and yet — considering the dating of the letters — towards the end of the war — a sense of desperation. The letters deal with several subjects: one with confiscation of wheat and its transfer to safe custody with Bar Kokhba, another with prohibiting shelter to any man of Tekoa, a biblical city near Bethlehem, which was the center of shirkers from the main fronts of battle and still others with providing of "the four kinds" — reference to the palm branches (lulavim), citrons (ethrogim), myrtles (hadasin) and willows (aravin) —correctly "tithed" (set in order) for use in the feast of Succoth. The request is made in the midst of the war and expresses difficulty in obtaining donkey loads of the required implements for the feast of booths or tabernacles for the army. Several letters deal with the arrest of specific individuals and threaten punishment if orders are not obeyed. One letter admonishes the commanders of En-gedi because they "care nothing for your brothers (in arms)". Most of the letters are written in Aramaic, some in Hebrew and two in Greek. The latter are important in that they confirm documents which state "and many outside nations (non-Jews) were joining for eagerness of gain".

In addition to the letters, bits of biblical scripts, baskets of cosmetic and cooking implements, glass plates, keys and the most complete sets of Jewish clothing of the Roman period, two coins were found in the cave. The first was a bronze found on the ledge just outside the cave entrance (M214, R202). It has on one side a bunch of grapes with "Shimeon" and on the other side a palm tree with "of the Freedom of Jerusalem". The large bronze (M211, R204) has the vine leaf with "of the Freedom of Jerusalem" and a reverse similar to that of the other coin.

In commemoration of the discovery of the Bar Kokhba letters, the Government of Israel issued a medal in bronze (59mm., No. 512) and silver (35 and 59mm., Nos. 513 and 514) which shows on the obverse a view of the Judaean hills in the background with two members of the cave expedition climbing a rope ladder into the entrance of the Cave of Letters inside an irregular incuse. The inscription in Hebrew at the top is "Survey Expedition to the Judaean Desert Caves in the Twelfth Year of the State of Israel". The inscription at the bottom in English reads "Expedition to the Judaean Desert Caves 1960". The reverse shows the bundle of letters within an incuse overlaid with a coin of the Bar Kokhba Revolt (M172, R192). The inscription in English round the rim reads "Bar Kokhba War 132-135 CE" and in Hebrew also at the rim "Shimon, Prince of Israel". At the top rim in ancient Hebrew script "Shimon Bar-Kokhba, Prince of Israel". On the edge is the State emblem and the words "State of Israel" in Hebrew and English. The medal was designed by Jacob Zim.

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The speaker was Mr. Richard Blair of Congregation Beth El and his subject was "Kabbalah - Medieval Jewish Mysticism". Mr. Blair had researched his subject quite thoroughly and presented a most interesting and informative program. To permit a better understanding of this fascinating subject, the speaker passed a sheet to each person, containing words and their definitions that are related to Kabbalah. He also had several books available for examination. We want to thank Mr. Blair for speaking to us and presenting this outstanding program.

EXHIBITS: The first exhibitor was Mr. Robert Greenstein who displayed the first issue and spoke on "The Chai Ingot Collection" that is being distributed by The Judaic Heritage Society, Suite 4011, 866 United Nations Plaza, New York, NY, 10017. This beautiful 2 ounce silver bar, in honor of Chanukah, is the first in a series of 18 Jewish Festivals and Ceremonies. These were

available by subscription only, from the above.

The next exhibitor was Pharmacist Aaron Kaplan. In keeping with his other collecting interest, he exhibited 2 new mortars and pestles, in brass and copper. Aaron also had a framed cartogram of Queen Esther that had been in his family for many years. This was a 14" x 18" likeness of the popular Biblical heroine, made with very small handwritten words relating the story of the Book of Esther. It might be called a "word picture" and is a remarkable work of art. We thank Mr. Kaplan for bringing this unusual Judaic item to share with us.

The third exhibitor was Mr. Joseph Sporn who displayed and spoke on a rare book, Coelum Sephiroticum by Joh. Christophori Steebj printed in 1679. This Latin-texted volume deals with religious mysticism of the middle ages. Thanks, Joe, for bringing one of your rare books to our meeting.

Dr. Saul Needleman had a very interesting display of "the" Bat Creek Stone. This was one of 5 reproductions made by the Smithsonian Institution in original size, shape and color. (See INSI BULLETIN, October 1973).... Also displayed was an official Bar-Kokhba Medal as illustrated in his article, "The Bar-Kokhba Cave of Letters Medal" (See INSI BULLETIN, February 1974). .... Then there was the U.S. $1.00 note facsimile advertising Bank Hapoalim B.M. in Israel. The face of the note appears to be a regular $1.00 bill, but when unfolded, the advertisement in Hebrew can be seen.... Lastly, Dr. Needleman had a box of Egyptian Scarabs that had been found by some Israeli soldiers while stationed in Egypt after the recent conflict.

The fifth exhibitor was Mr. Harry Flower. First, he had some Elongated Coins produced by the House of Elongateds, 1241-J East Chestnut Street, Santa Ana, CA, 92701. These were "Henry Kissinger", "David Ben-Gurion", (these illustrated), "4th Mid-East War" and "Shalom". These are currently available from the above firm, rolled on U.S. cent and dime.... He also displayed 3 recent acquisitions from Israel. These were a 60mm. bronze "Atomic Energy Medal", the 60mm. bronze "The Second International Congress of Jewish Lawyers and Jurists" and the 35mm. silver "25th Anniversary of the MAARIV DAILY". These are important unofficial issues of Israel. The last item of Harry's display was a silver and bronze medal of PAUL EHRLICH, the famous German-Jewish immunologist and bacteriologist. This beautiful high relief medal is the 44th in the series of GREAT MEN OF MEDICINE issued by and available from Presidential Art Medals, 300 West National Road, Vandalia, OH. 45377. The piece was sculptured by Abram Belskie and struck by Medallic Art Company, Danbury, CT.

The next exhibitor was Mr. Ben Odesser who displayed a set of Sommerfin Ship Tokens. These colored plastic pieces, 5, 25, 50 and 100 agorot, served as "money" on ships of the Sommerfin Line for the purchase of food in the ship restaurants on the Sabbath when regular money was prohibited.... In keeping with the theme of the evening, Ben also had a very interesting book, Jewish Magic and Superstition by Joshua Trachtenberg, New York, 1939.

Dr. Alan Feinberg was next, and he too had a book on the popular subject of the day. His book was Hebrew Amulets by T. Schaire, London, 1966.

The last exhibitor was Mr. Ernest Levy who had a framed graphic painting, made in color and line drawings. This composite art work was most interesting, depicting the various symbols and motifs of Kabbalah and Jewish mysticism. Ernest had bought this piece in Israel, and we thank him for bringing it to the meeting.

It was apparent that there were more exhibits than usual at this meeting, many of them tied in with the speaker's subject. This is a desirable situation and makes for greater member interest. For future meetings, bring that Judaic or numismatic item and share it with the others.

INSI PERSONALS: We are proud of First Vice President Stewart Koppel's appointment as a member of the 1974 U.S. Assay Commission. This is a great honor for Stewart and for INSI. Congratulations!

Our members are still writing articles that are being published. See WORLD COINS, February 1974 for "'Confidence' Issues Follow Assignats" by Dave Schecter.

Just a word of appreciation to Mrs. Ben Odesser for bringing the goodies to the February meeting. Thanks, Sylvia!

NEW MEMBERS: Two new members have just been added to our group. Mr. Paul Moss of Skokie and Miss Sherri Nortman of Glencoe. We welcome you both and hope that you become active members and enjoy our monthly meetings. By the way, Sherri is the charming daughter of Mr. Benjamin Nortman.

PROGRAM FOR MARCH: The speaker for March will be our own Stewart Koppel. He will relate his experiences as a member of the U.S. Assay Commission and will explain the function of the group. This will be a very interesting and educational lecture on the "checking" of our own U.S. coinage. Please feel free to bring any interested friends.

PROGRAM FOR APRIL: Scheduled as our speaker for April is Mrs. Rifka Abrahamson who will speak on "Jewish Art in Palestine and Israel". Mrs. Abrahamson is highly qualified in this field, and I am sure that she will present a delightful program.

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JEWISH MEDALS

Excerpts from the book, "A JEWISH ICONOGRAPHY" by ALFRED RUBENS, 1954
with Comments by Ben Odesser

Inasmuch as only 500 copies of the above book were printed under the auspices of the Jewish Museum in London at an issue price of almost $15.00, there are probably very few copies in the United States. Therefore, it was felt that the numismatic information contained in this book should be reproduced for the benefit of the numismatic fraternity. Medals will be listed and numbered as they appear in the book, with comments where necessary and possible.

1653. CABBAGE SOCIETY. Ob: A cabbage and Cabbage Society. Rev: Purim 1796. Copper 31mm. (This is similar to the 'Condor Tokens' of the time and is probably an English convival club token with no connection with Jews except the use of the word 'Purim'.)

1654. CAPE TOWN, Great Synagogue, Consecration, 13 Sep 1905. Ob: Synagogue and 5665. Rev: Shield of David, etc. White metal 37mm.

1655. COHN, Albert (1814-77). Almoner to the French Rothschild Family. Medal presented to him by the Italian Jews. Ob: Tablets of the Law. Rev: Inscription and date 1855. Signed G. B. M. and A. M. I. Bronze 55mm.

1656. DELATAS, Elia and Rica. Ob: Bust and 1552 Elia Delatas Ebr. Rev: Bust and Rica sua Gientrice. Bronze 38mm. (Elia Delatas was the son of the papal physician, Bonnet de Lattes.)

1657. ELEAZAR BEN SAMUEL BRODY, Rabbi (c. 1665-1742). On his appointment as rabbi at Amsterdam. Ob: Bust and name in Hebrew. Rev: Verses from Psalms in Hebrew; Amsterdam 1735. Silver 45mm.

1658. FELIX, Elisa (Mme. Rachel). French actress. Memorial Medal. Ob: Head. Rev: Inscription. Signed Pingret f. 1846. Bronze 53mm. (1858).

1659, 1660, 1661. GORDON, Lord George. (The only information on these 3 medals is that they appear in Rubens' book, "Anglo-Jewish Portraits", 1935. Lord Gordon, 1751-1793, was a convert to Judaism and died in Newgate prison as an observant Jew.)

1662. HEINE, Salomon (1767-1844). Uncle of Heinrich Heine. Ob: Bust. Rev: Hamburg Jewish Hospital and date 1841. Signed J. D. Copper 21mm.

1663. HIRSCHEL, Solomon. (English rabbi, 1762-1842. No other information.)

1664. HYAM, B. Ob: Bust and B. Hyam, 63, Lord St. Liverpool. Rev: Coat, Trousers and Waistcoat and Manufacturing Clothiers. Halfpenny Token. Brass 30mm., c. 1830. (Another Condor Token.)

1665. ITZIG, Daniel (1723-99). German Banker. Struck in 1793 on his 70th birthday. Ob: Bust. Rev: Allegorical figures and inscription. Signed Abramson. White metal 52mm.

1666 and 1667. KORN JUDE. 1666. Ob: Jew carrying a sack on which is a devil and Du Korn Jude-Theure Zeit 1624. Rev: Ring with inscription. Silver 36mm.
1667. Ob: devil sitting on corn and inscription Ob Jud ob Christ ein Schuft der Wucherer ist. Rev: Inscription. Signed F. H. 1923. Bronze 37mm.

1668. LASSALLE, Ferdinand (1825-64). German political writer. Memorial Medal. Ob: Head and name. Rev: Inscription. Silver 18mm. (1864).

1669. LEVYSSOHN, Henry, of Rotterdam. 50th anniversary of wedding. Ob: Inscription and date 1842. Rev: Inscription. Signed J. Weiner. Bronze 38mm.

1670. MAASTRICHT (Holland). King's visit to the Synagogue. Ob: Synagogue. Rev: Inscription, 1841. Signed Wiener. Bronze 41mm.

1671. MENDELSSOHN, Moses. On publication of Phaedon in 1775. Ob: Bust and name. Rev: Skull, butterfly, Phaedon and Natus 1729. Signed I. Abraham. Silver 42mm.

(To be continued next month)

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The fifty-ninth general meeting of the Israel Numismatic Society of Illinois (INSI) will be held at the

ORCHARD CENTER
8600 Gross Point Road
Skokie, Illinois
Wednesday, April 24, 1974
8:00 P. M.

RECAP OF MARCH MEETING: President Saul Needleman opened the meeting, and then requested Treasurer Peggy Goldsmith to give her report. The visitors were introduced and welcomed. Dr. Needleman then informed the Club of the recent board meeting at which the selection of a design for a Club medal was made. This design, selected from a set of four, made by artist David Silverman, was on exhibit at the speaker's table. The Board wants to thank Dave for his art work.....He then spoke of two plaques, bearing the official Medal of Liberation and appropriately inscribed, to be presented to the Consuls of Denmark and Holland in appreciation of their humanitarianism and contant support of the State of Israel. This is to be an INSI presentation.....The Club was then informed of the Donated Auction to be conducted by the Stamp and Coin Division of the Israel Emergency Fund to take place May 22, 1974. Donations valued at $25.00 and up may be sent to Robert A. Siegel, Inc., 120 E. 56th Street, New York, New York, 10022.....At meetings in the past Dave Silverman has brought up the subject of an opaque projector for use during Club meetings. This device will project an enlarged image of a coin or medal on a screen while a speaker is talking about his exhibit. Its use would certainly make our meetings more interesting and educational. The cost is about $55.00 — in less than 5 minutes this amount was donated by members present. A vote of thanks to these people. To this editor's knowledge, your INSI will be the first Israel Coin Club with such an instrument..... Bob Leonard then informed the Club of the large donation ($2000.00 in material) to the A.N.A. made by member Louis Nagy.....Ben Odesser then told the membership about the anti-Israel and anti-Semitic letter sent to and published by NUMISMATIC NEWS WEEKLY in its March 19 edition. Also displayed was the April 2 issue of this paper with several replys, including Ben's letter. The original bigoted letter was vicious propaganda and contained incorrect historical statements. Be sure to read these reply letters on page 4 of the April 2nd issue..... The door prizes were next. The following were lucky winners: Saul Needleman, Herbert Lippitz, Brad Lippitz, Kay Heffner, Hyman Siegel, Harry Flower, Norbert Jericho, Ellen Oppenheim, Bob Greenstein, Sadelle Koppel, Bob Leonard, Ben Odesser and Bob Heffner.

The speaker of the evening was our own Stewart Koppel. In a most interesting manner he told us about his application and appointment to become a member of the 1974 U.S. Assay Commission. He was one of a group of 25 selected from about 1000 applicants. Stewart told us about instructions they received, and of the procedures they went through to "check" out coinage. He displayed a case of various items relating to this event; among them, a special certificate and a large medal sturck in pewter given to each member of the commission. To summarize, Stewart gave us a complete "picture" of the function of the U.S. Assay Commission, and we are proud to have him as a member and officer of INSI.

EXHIBITS: The first exhibitor was Donald Oppenheim who displayed and spoke on an unusual

piece of Judaica. This was a 1-inch crude copper disc with a small hole near the edge. Don had bought this from an Arab in Israel. The piece had been identified as an early Hebrew amulet, to be worn around the neck. It was unpictured, of course, as images of any kind were prohibited. (After the meeting his lovely and vivacious daughter Ellen was wearing it around her neck.)

Dave Schecter was next with an early coin, a seige piece from Cyprus. This bezant of 1570 had an interesting story, and Dave narrated the historical events of that period.

Saul Needleman was third with an unusual item of Holy Land numismatics. This was a pre-World War II Turkish Stock Certificate issued by the Turkish Commercial Bank of Palestine. Saul also had a set of historical ancient Jewish coins (replicas).

In keeping with the theme of the season, Harry Flower next exhibited two varieties of PASSOVER Elongated coins made from U.S. cents. He also had silver and copper 13th Anniversary TSVA Hagana L'Israel Medals. (Haffner PM-8 and PM-8b). Originally issued in 1961 in 38mm. silver and 27mm. gold, strikings in other metals were unknown, but recently Harry acquired this copper specimen (illustrated).

Stewart Koppel was the 5th exhibitor. He had several large ads for the "Twelve Tribes of Israel Medals", originally struck in 1969 but again being released to the public. (See INSI BULLETIN January 1974.)

The 6th exhibitor, Robert Leonard, told us about the Illinois Numismatic Association. Bob is on the Board of Directors and is the editor of their fine publication COIN DIGEST. Copies were passed out. Bob answered questions regarding this organization and its publication.

The last exhibitor was Ben Odesser. He told us about SHAARE ZEDEK Hospital in Jerusalem and the American Committee at 32 W. Randolph, Chicago, Illinois, 60601. Very interesting was their publication HEART BEAT, an excellent magazine with important numismatic articles.

AINA 1974 NEW YORK CONVENTION: Again, we repeat, this will be the most important Judaic numismatic event of the year. For the second time the New York Sheraton Hotel will host the Greater New York AINA Coin Convention from May 2-May 5, 1974. As before, this will be a complete convention and a "must" for the serious Judaic collector. If possible, make this a long weekend in New York and enjoy the "Event of the Year". For more information contact Ben Odesser or Harry Flower.

THE NEW ISRAEL COINS: Now ready for distribution is the new 1974 Independence Day Commemorative Coin. This 10-pound silver piece is dedicated to Eliezer Ben Yehuda, the father of modern Hebrew. It will be minted in two varieties; 130,000 B.U. and 50,000 proof.

Also released at the same time will be the 1974 26th Anniversary Official Mint Set. These encased coins all have a silver-like color, unlike those that are in

regular circulation with the 5, 10 and 25 agorot with a bronze color.

Because of a deadline, before the next Club meeting, a notice for a Club order was sent to each member, to be returned with a check to the Club's P.O. Box. This was a situation beyond our control. We hope that all members who wanted to place orders received their notice and returned, within the time limit.

MORTON GROVE COIN CLUB SHOW: The Morton Grove Coin Club will have their annual SPRING COIN FESTIVAL on April 28, 1974 from 10 A.M. to 6 P.M. at the Leaning Tower YMCA, 6300 West Touhy Avenue, Niles, Illinois. This has always been a popular and successful event. All interested persons are invited.

INSI PERSONALS: We have been informed that Mrs. Fanny Siegel, wife of Hyman Siegel, recently passed away. We wish to convey our sincere sympathy to him and his family.

Member Maxwell Chalmers of Oak Park was a recent hospital patient. Mac is now convalescing at home. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Special thanks are due to INSI Charter Member Leo Hecht. He took the responsibility of the mailing and postage of the special notices that were sent for the coin orders. Thanks much, Leo.

PROGRAM FOR APRIL: Our speaker for the evening will be Mrs. Rifka Abrahamson, who will present a program on "Jewish Art in Palestine and Israel". She is well qualified, having actively been engaged in the field of art for many years in the Holy Land. She is now teaching art in the northern suburbs. We are sure that her program will be delightful. Friends are welcome to attend.

Note: The $5.00 reservation for the Club medal will be collected at this meeting.

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TWO OBVERSE DIE VARIETIES OF THE 1971 'LET MY PEOPLE GO' 10 LIROT UNCIRCULATED COIN

by Emanuel Margoliash

Following the recent reports in NUMISMATIC NEWS WEEKLY and in WORLD COINS of the discovery of two varieties of the 1971 'Let My People Go' proof coins, one being a very rare Berne Mint trial variety and the other the common variety struck from dies made by Kretschmer and Sons, Jerusalem, I was naturally stimulated to get my own 1971 IL 10 coins out of the bank safety deposit box and examine them. To nobody's surprise, no Berne die coin was found, but in looking at the uncirculated coins I was amazed to notice what at first sight appeared to be an error of striking, but which on closer examination was quite obviously a die variety. Since of the four coins I had there were two of each variety, it seems unlikely either is rare. However, without a much wider survey it is impossible to tell.

The obverses differ as follows:

Type 1: Strong projecting rim around the State menorah emblem, making the emblem over 10mm. across. The menorah is of relatively lower relief.
The legend 'Israel' in three languages is very near the rim.
The 1 and the 0 in '10 lirot' are near each other.
The star of David mint mark is accentuated at its rims, leaving a center depression.

Type 2: No rim whatsoever around the emblem, making it just 10mm. across. The menorah is in relatively higher relief.
The legend 'Israel' in three languages is further from the rim.
The 1 and the 0 in '10 lirot' are further apart from each other.
The star of David mint mark has a flat surface.

There are other minor differences. The notes noted above are quite noticeable. Type 2 is pictured on the original order blank from the Mint. The photographs were taken with identical lighting and demonstrate the greater concavity of type 2. The photographs were taken by Dr. Alan R. Feinberg.

Type 1 Type 2

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Wednesday, May 22, 1974
8:00 P. M.

RECAP OF APRIL MEETING: After calling the meeting to order, President Saul Needleman introduced and welcomed the guests. He then informed us of the sudden hospitalization of Charter Member Leo Hecht. (By the time you receive this BULLETIN, Leo will be home.) We wish him a speedy recovery. Peggy Goldsmith gave us the Treasurer's report. Dr. Needleman explained why the special ordering instructions were recently sent to INSI members. A progress report was given on the Club medal; deposits of $5.00 were accepted at the end of the meeting. Absentees who want to order a medal, please send a check, payable to INSI, to the Club address. Our new opaque projector was discussed next. When the order was placed, the price had increased $15.00. In about one minute, three members donated $5.00 each, and the total cost had been met. We thank all donors for subsidizing this. We hope to have this projector successfully operating by the next meeting. The President then reminded the members that new officers are to be elected at the end of this year, and that we should be thinking about a new slate. Parts of letters from out-of-town INSI members were then read. These were from the Breslers, who have moved to Dallas, and from the Ellenbogens of Brooklyn, New York. Dr. Needleman then requested that any member who had knowledge of any new issue of medals or tokens to report this information to the Club. In this manner other INSI members may benefit.

After a short recess during which refreshments were served, the meeting was turned over to Mrs. Rifka Abraham. (Her name was misspelled in our April BULLETIN for which we are sorry.) Mrs. Abraham, who studied and taught art in Israel, is now an art instructor in Highland Park. She had prepared an excellent set of colored slides of paintings and sketches, and as these were viewed, she narrated on the work and the artist. Her presentation was most interesting and informative. We all enjoyed her "lecture course" in Israeli art. We sincerely thank you, Mrs. Abraham.

EXHIBITS: The first exhibitor was Saul Needleman who displayed an interesting jeton from Holland. This early piece bore the word "Jehovah" in Hebrew. He also had a set of historical postal covers from Israel that were autographed by Yitzhak Rabin, Golda Meir, Abba Eban, Moshe Dayan and David Ben-Gurion.

The next exhibitor, Donald Oppenheim, told us about a scarce and interesting book, Sinai and Palestine by Arthur Stanley, D.D., F.R.S., London, 1866. As Don explained to us, this book deals with the first scientific exploration of this area. Although the book is over 100 years old, the colored maps, the pages and binding are in excellent condition.

Robert Leonard exhibited and spoke on two books. First, There was a Land, by Judge Robert Jordan, 1971. Chapter XIII of this volume was about the "Straus Family", a prominent Jewish

family, and especially about Oscar Straus, who was Secretary of Commerce and Labor under President Theodore Roosevelt (1906-1909). Bob also had Great Jewish Portraits in Medal by Daniel Friedenberg, 1963, opened to page 68, which pictured a bronze plaque of this distinguished scholar, lawyer, diplomat and cabinet member. For the Judaic collector of prints and engravings, a 6" x 9" portrait (actual size 2" x 2 1/4") of Oscar S. Straus is probably still available from the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, Office Services Branch, 14th and C Street SW, Washington, D.C., 20226.

The fourth exhibitor was Harry Flower. He displayed and spoke on a new 59mm. medal issued by the GHETTO FIGHTERS' HOUSE, a Jewish organization in Israel, to commemorate the 30th anniversary of the struggle of the Jewish partisans against the Nazis. This medal in several varieties, and also other issues, are available from Biet Lohamei Ha'ghetaot, 25-220 Doar Na Oshrat, Israel. Harry then spoke on and displayed two types of Israel anti-cancer medals. Both of these 60mm. bronzes are issues of the Israel Cancer Association as presentation pieces and are available from coin dealers. Lastly, he displayed a pair of the new Lerner medals, issued to mark the 2-pronged Arab attack on Israel during Yom Kippur, 1973. This meaningful medal, rich in symbolism was struck in 0.999 fine silver, 1 1/4" in diameter, from hand cut dies. Only 650 pieces were struck. It is available from A. Lerner, P.O. Box G, Denville, New Jersey, 07834.

Dr. Emanuel Margoliash was the next exhibitor and speaker. In a most interesting manner he related how he discovered the two die varieties of the "Let My People Go" 10 pound commemorative coin. This story was told in the INSI BRIEFS of your INSI BULLETIN, April 1974. He had the coins at the meeting and pointed out the variations.

In keeping with the theme of the evening, Dr. Morris Goldberg brought a work of art, a most unusual and magnificent 12" x 18" painting, titled MOJZEZ (Moses). This painting by a Polish artist was on a 1" thick "antique" board. We thank Dr. Goldberg for bringing this prize piece of Judaica to our meeting.

Dr. Needleman also exhibited an art piece, a copper sculpture titled EXODUS. This attractive and most unusual piece of art was created by Dr. Needleman himself. Thanks, Saul, for bringing this to the meeting.

NEW MEMBERS: We have several new members in our INSI group. They are ROBERT GARTENBERG, NATHAN LOMANSKY, PAUL MOSS, DAVID KAHN and DIANE KAHN. We welcome all of you and hope that you attend, participate and enjoy our meetings.

INSI PERSONALS: Due to too many other time consuming duties, Donald Oppenheim had to resign his post as Program Chairman. Joe Sporn has taken on these duties for the remainder of the year. Thanks, Joe, for taking over.

Mrs. Aaron Kaplan and Mrs. Sheldon Lurie will donate the refreshments for the May meeting. Thanks, ladies, we appreciate this.

The College of Jewish Studies, which includes the Spertus Museum of Judaica, recently dedicated their new home at 618 South Michigan in Chicago. We wish the College a successful growth in their new location and congratulate INSI member Maurice Spertus for the realization of his "dream".

Dr. and Mrs. Herbert Lippitz were the only INSI members on the AINA-Israel Tour that took place this past March 5 to 20. We are looking forward to his report of this important trip at the May meeting.

Saul does it again. See THE SHEKEL, Volume VII, No. 1, Spring 1974 issue, pp. 4-7 for the article "The Medal that Honored the Find in a Desert Cave" by our own Dr. Needleman. Also on page 27 is a resume of the INSI Club activities.

Ben Odesser and Harry Flower attended the AINA Convention in New York from May 2-5. They will give a report of this event at the May meeting. In the exhibits, in the category of Judaica, Harry won first place with his exhibit of "Medallic Tributes to Albert Einstein". He will bring this exhibit to the Club at a future meeting.

At the April 28 Spring Coin Festival of the Morton Grove Coin Club, INSI member Joe Sporn was the winner of the big prize, a U. S. $20 gold piece. Congratulations, Joe. Dr. Alan Feinberg won two smaller gold coins. Also at this show Dr. Saul Needleman won two exhibit awards. These were a first and a second place award.

PROGRAM FOR MAY: Mr. Manny Winston of Highland Park will speak to us on the recent Yom Kippur War. Mr. Winston was "at the front" at both the Suez Canal area and at Golan Heights and will give us his personal observation report, complete with slides. This should be a very interesting and historical program. Friends and other interested persons are invited.

PROGRAM FOR JUNE: The June meeting will be our auction meeting — a "double hitter". First, there will be a white elephant auction of donated material which will be entirely for the Club. Then there will take place a regular auction for the benefit of the members.

Please try to donate items, numismatic or otherwise, that have a fair value, and please, no "junk". Remember, the proceeds are for the benefit of your Club.

In the regular auction you may submit your numismatic items for sale, indicating a minimum bid if so desired. The proceeds will belong to the member, except for 10% which will go to the Club. This will be an excellent opportunity to dispose of some duplicate coins and medals.

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JEWISH MEDALS

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with Comments by Ben Odesser
(continued from March 1974)

1672. MENDELSSOHN-BARTHOLDY, Felix. 40th Anniversary of Leipzig Conservatory of Music. Ob: Head and inscription. Rev: Lyre, coat of arms, etc. Silver 39mm.

1673 and 1674. MENDOZA, Daniel. (No information is available on these medals but they are believed to be similar to Condor Tokens. Daniel Mendoza, 1764-1836, was the boxing champion of England and was the first to innovate 'scientific pugilism'.)

1675, 1676 and 1677. MONTEFIORE, Sir Moses. (The first two medals are the silver and white metal medals issued on the hundredth birthday of Sir Moses Montefiore.) 1677 is a German medal. Ob: Bust and Hebrew inscription. Rev: Coat of arms. WM38mm.

1678. MONTEFIORE, Judith and Moses (No other information available.)

1679. OPPENHEIMER, Hirsch Berend. Ob: Bust. Rev: Oppenheimer Foundation building, Hamburg 1868. Signed H. Lorenz. White metal 45mm.

1680. OPPENHEIMER, Joseph Süss (1698-1738). Struck after his execution. Ob: Bust and Jüd Joseph Süss Oppenheimer 1738. Rev: Gallows and inscription. White metal 38mm.

1681 and 1682. REBELLO, David Alves. (No other information available.)

1683. ROTHSCHILD, Nathan Mayer. (Information on medal not available.) (Founder, 1777-1836, of the English branch of the Rothschilds)

1684. ROTHSCHILD, S. M. Von (1774-1855). Austrian banker. 70th birthday. Ob: Bust. Rev: Coat of arms and date 1844. Bronze 48mm.

1685. RUSSIA. Emancipation of Jews. Ob: Bust of Alexander I. Rev: Man praying. Inscription and date 1805. Signed P. M. White metal 46mm.

1686. SANHEDRIN. Ob: Bust of Napoleon. Rev: Napoleon handing the Tablets of the Law to a Jew and Grand Sanhedrin 30 Mai 1806. Bronze 41mm.

1687. SANHEDRIN(?). The following 3 medals all dated Paris 1827 may have been struck to commemorate the 21st anniversary of the Sanhedrin. Ob: Bust of Aaron and Hebrew inscription. Rev: Ark and Cherubim and Hebrew inscription. Edge: Aaron-Paris 1827. Copper 33mm.

1688. Ob: Bust of David and Hebrew inscription. Rev: Lyre and Hebrew inscription. Edge: David-Paris 1827. Copper 33mm.

1689. Ob: Bust of Moses and Hebrew inscription. Rev: Two Tablets of the Law and Hebrew inscription. Edge: Moise-Paris 1827. Copper 33mm.

1690. SASSOON, Sir Albert David (1817-1896). Anglo-Indian merchant. Ob: Coat of arms Sassoon impaling Moses and Hebrew inscription and Presented by Sir Moses Montefiore Bart. F. R. S. Rev: In commemoration of the visit of Sir Albert David Sassoon to the schools of the Spanish and Portuguese Jews' Congregation, 4th May 1875. J. B. Wyon sc. Bronze 50mm.

1691. SPINOZA, Benedict. Tricentenary of his birth (1932). Ob: Bust. Rev: House and dates. Signed P. Turin. Bronze 68mm.

1692. WESTPHALIA. Emancipation of Jews. Ob: Kneeling figure. Rev: Angels, inscription and date 1808. Signed Abramson. White metal 42mm.

1693. ZIONISM. Second Zionist Congress 1898. Ob: Allegorical group. Rev: Hebrew inscription. Signed Beer Paris 1898. Bronze 63mm.

2015. BEER, Benjamin ben Elijah, Harofe(?). An Italian physican, probably of Ferrara, who lived during the 15th century. Copy of a bronze medal discovered at Lyons, France in 1656; a head with Hebrew inscription, part of which forms an acrostic on Beer's name. (This information is taken from an engraving that appeared in a magazine, so it is assumed that the medal exists.)

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SPECIAL REMINDER

OUR ANNUAL DONATED AUCTION
and Regular Auction
will take place at this meeting.

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RECAP OF MAY MEETING: Opening the meeting, President Saul Needleman introduced the guests, after which Peggy Goldsmith gave the Treasurer's report. Dr. Needleman then read a letter from Mr. Richard Blair of Highland Park, who was our speaker in February 1974 on the subject "Kabbalah-Medieval Jewish Mysticism". Mr. Blair had enclosed a check for $25.00 as a donation to INSI. This was a wonderful gesture, and the entire membership expressed their thanks. ....After discussing the proposed Club medal, Dr. Needleman reminded the members of the auction at the June meeting (more later)...As Chairman of the Junior Membership Jeffery Lillien reported that he had contacted the Chicago Jewish Youth Council for numismatically interested members...Ben Odesser and Harry Flower gave brief reports of the AINA Convention that was held in New York on May 2 - 5, 1974...After the exhibits there was a recess and refreshments. ...The meeting was then turned over to Mr. Manny Winston. Mr. Winston had visited Israel during the recent Yom Kippur War and was "up front" on both sides of the Suez Canal. He had taken many pictures. These slides were shown to us while he narrated. He was also on the Syrian Front and had slides that were taken on the Golan Heights. His presentation was most informative and educational, and we thank Mr. Winston for his outstanding program.

EXHIBITS: Dave Schecter was the first exhibitor. He displayed and spoke on two "Jehovah" or "Justus-Judex" coins of Denmark (1644-1648). These two new acquisitions were a 4 skilling and a 1 marck, both in silver. (See INSI BRIEF, June 1973).

Harry Flower was the next exhibitor, displaying various items from the AINA Convention in New York. Among these were the official badge and the award plaque for winning first place in Judaica. He also displayed the two INS of Brooklyn Club Medals and the recent "Hai-Bar" medal. Next, Harry had an unusual and rare 60mm. bronze medal, issued in 1962 in Israel to commemorate AVRAHAM STERN (1907-1942), known as "YAIR". He was a Nationalist and the leader of the underground group known as the "Stern Gang".

Saul Needleman was the 3rd exhibitor with an ancient Roman coin, a denarius of Vespasian. Saul also displayed a complete set of the elongated coins of the 1973 AINA Convention in New

York along with a complete set of the 1974 issue. The illustration is the design (enlarged) of the 1974 elongated coins. These were rolled on the 1 Agora and the 5, 10 and 25 Agorot and on the U. S. Lincoln cent.

PROGRAM FOR JUNE: The business part of the June meeting will be brief...Dr. Herbert Lippitz will give a report of the 1974 AINA-Israel Trip and will display souvenirs of this event. As Dr. Lippitz was the only INSI member on the tour, we are looking forward to his presentation.....There will be the regular displays with the brief talks, and of course, the usual refreshments. The greater part of the evening will be devoted to our annual auction. As usual, friends and other interested persons are welcome.

AUCTION AT THE JUNE MEETING: Our Annual Donated Auction will take place at this meeting. This is an appeal for members and friends to donate merchandise, white elephants, anything — numismatic or non-numismatic — to be sold, and the receipts to benefit your INSI. Any new salable items (coins may be used) will be accepted, but please no "junk".

Please bear in mind that your dues are insufficient to meet the yearly expenses of the Club; therefore, a successful auction is essential. Please come prepared to make generous bids.... Remember, it is for the benefit of the Club.

In the past our Auction Night has usually been a "Fun Night", an evening of friendship and fellowship. Again this year the auctioneer will be Ben Odesser.

After the Donated Auction there will be a Regular Auction for the benefit of the members. Any member may submit numismatic items with a minimum bid indicated. A 10% fee of the sale will go to the Club, and the owner will get 90%.

NEW CLUB BULLETIN BOARD: The Club accepts with thanks a new Bulletin Board from INSI member David Silverman. Not only is this a very nice looking item, but it will be very useful to the Club. Notices of "wanted" and "for sale" numismatic items can be posted at every meeting. Thanks, Dave, for your thoughtfulness.

JUDAIC SILVER BARS: Recently issued by a private firm is a set of three beautiful silver bars. These are "The Three Founders of Israel" and are replicas of the Israel commemorative stamps that portray LORD BALFORE, DR. CHAIM WEIZMANN and THEODOR HERZL. These 1 ounce 0.999 silver ingots are available from AG Mint, 10100 Santa Monica Blvd., Suite 1060, Los Angeles, California, 90067. If interested, you may write to this address for an illustrated brochure. For additional information on "Judaic Bar Collecting", see INSI BRIEF, August 1973 by Harry Flower and "Judaica Silver Ingots" by Charles Porter in ISRAEL NUMISMATIC MARKET NEWSLETTER issued January 15, 1974 by Nielsen-Porter, Box 42228, Houston, TX, 77042.

THE NEW "HAI-BAR" MEDAL: The first conservation medal by the State of Israel is this "Hai-Bar" Medal, issued to commemorate the 10th Anniversary of the Nature Reserves Authority, Israel's conservation agency. The medal was designed by the Shamir brothers, engraved by Moshe Nov and was minted by Moshe Hecht of Tel Aviv. It was struck only in 0.935 silver, 45mm., and weighing 47 grams. Curved a-

round the top of the obverse is "WILD LIFE" in English and Hebrew, underneath is a leaping oryx, and below, the head of an oryx. The reverse features a large "hai-bar", just beneath, the legend "for reintroduction of biblical animals into the Holy Land". Below this is the Nubian ibex, symbol of the Nature Reserves Authority.

This important and official State Medal is obtainable only from Holy Land Conservation Fund, Inc., 150 East 58th Street, New York, NY, 10022. The price is $30.00, of which $15.00 is a tax deductible contribution to the Holy Land Conservation Fund.

NEW LERNER MEDAL: The latest medal in the Lerner series was issued to commemorate the United States' support and aid to Israel in October 1973 during the Yom Kippur War. One side features the U. S. shield and eagle and the legend "YOU CAME THROUGH IN OUR HOUR OF NEED". The other side features the emblem of the Israel Defense Forces, a sword with olive branch, superimposed over an anchor (for the Navy) and wings (for the Air Force). Also the date "OCT 1973" and curved around, the legend in Hebrew. There were 650 pieces struck in 1 1/4", 0.999 fine silver and are available from Mr. A. Lerner, P.O. Box G, Denville, NJ, 07834.

NEW MEMBER: Welcome to new member Jerome Cohen! We hope that you will attend and participate in our meetings.

INSI PERSONALS: David, son of Dr. and Mrs. Morris Goldberg was honored in the May 22, 1974 ACADEMIC HONORS PROGRAM at the Niles Township High School. He received an award in literature, the Gold Key, and is a member of the National Honor Society. Congratulations, Dave, keep up the good work!

Congratulations are in order for Dr. and Mrs. Alan Feinberg on the recent marriage of their daughter Lois to Mr. Daniel Schneider. Many happy returns to the parents and to the bride and groom!

Ben Odesser is a candidate for reelection to the Board of Governors of the Token and Medal Society (TAMS). We recommend that INSI members that are also TAMS members to vote for Ben.

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The following article was extracted from the Quarterly Magazine of the International Banknote Society, No. 2, Autumn 1961. It is suspected that this publication did not have a wide circulation. In the interest of disseminating information on 'Judaica' it was felt that much wider circulation should be given to this little known, but important, segment of the collecting of 'Judaica'. Also the author, David Atsmony of Tel-Aviv, probably one of the top experts in the world on paper Judaica, certainly deserves to be recognized for his scholarly and enlightening article.

It is hoped that others will be encouraged to reprint similar articles on little known facets of Judaica, like the Hebrew-lettered bracteates of medieval Poland, etc.

Ben Odesser

CURRENCY NOTES OF THE JEWISH COMMUNITIES OF RUSSIA

by David Atsmony, Tel-Aviv

The majority of Russia's Jews before World War I were concentrated in the Ukraine, and in many cities they constituted a majority, and held control over the trade and industry of the place. In such cities the 'Kehilla' (Community) played an important role in managing the public and religious life of its Jews.

After the Bolshevik revolution of November,1917, the Ukraine declared its independence and on the 24th December issued its own currency notes on the face of which appeared in Yiddish the words 'Hundert Karbowanetz'. This note was in circulation no longer than a month for at the beginning of February, 1918, the Capital of Ukraine - Kiev - was recaptured from the Soviets who held it barely a few weeks.

During the period 1918-1919, as a result of the Civil War, there was a serious shortage of money, and many institutions issued their own currency notes, among them were the Committees of the Jewish Kehillas and interestingly enough, such notes were readily accepted by non-Jews.

Here follows a list of these Jewish Kehillas and of the currency notes issued by them:

A. Dunayevzy - Province of Podol - issued 4 series of notes, overprinted in Hebrew and in Yiddish as follows: (1) in Russian, without date (1918) - 50-kop., 1 rub. (2) in Ukranian, without date (1918) - 5, 10 Griven. (3) 1919, in Ukranian with the word "Rada" - 5, 10 Griven. (4) 1919, in Ukranian, without the word "Rada" - 6, 10, 20 Griven.

B. Korez - Province of Volyn - issued 2 series inscribed in Russian with the addition of the Hebrew date "5679" and a circular rubber stamp in Hebrew containing a Magen-David and the words "Authority of the Kehilla of Korez, Volyn Province. (1) Valid up to 1st July, 1919 - 1, 3, 5, 10 rub. (2) Valid up to 1st January 1920 - 1, 3, 5, 10, 20 rub.

C. Krementchug - Province of Poltava - issued a single series. (1) without date (1918) - stamped 50 kopeck, 1, 3 ruble.

D. Nikopol - Province of Ekaterinoslav - issued one series with rubber stamp in Russian reading "Council of the Russian Kehilla of Nikopol". (1) without date (1918) - 1, 3, 5, 10 ruble. These notes with the rubber stamp are very rare.

E. Proskurov - Province of Podol. (1) 1919 - bill of exchange - 15 rub.

F. Shepetovka - Province of Volyn. (2) without date (1919) - the text is in Hebrew and Ukranian, the overprint in Hebrew and Ukranian - 1, 2, 3, 5 ruble. It is interesting to note that the word 'ruble' appears in Hebrew and Ukranian.

G. Bolehov - East Galicia. At the time of its conquest by the Ukraine, the 'Jewish National Council' issued a series of notes. (1) without date (1919) - "Valid until 1st May" - 10, 20, 50 Heller. The text was in Yiddish and the overprint in Yiddish, Hebrew and Ukranian.

Outside of the area of the Ukraine we know the following issues:

A. Kolyshki - White Russia - 'Board of the Jewish Kehilla, 1919, receipt for....1, 2, 3, 5, 10 rub.

B. Maykop - North Caucasus - 'Board of the Jewish Kehilla, cheque....without date (1918) - 1, 3, 5 rub.

Many Jewish financial and communal institutions of Russian Jewry also issued currency notes during the time of the revolution. This currency is very important for a study of Russian Jewry, and it is desirable that collectors of 'Judaica' and particularly the Jewish national institutions in Israel should take an interest in the collecting of currency notes of Diaspora Jewry; otherwise, there is a danger that important historical material will get lost.

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8600 Gross Point Road
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Wednesday, July 24, 1974
8:00 P.M.

RECAP OF JUNE MEETING: President Saul Needleman opened the meeting and introduced the guests. All three visitors who attended have joined our Club.....He then informed the members of the situation concerning the proposed Club medal.....Dr. Needleman then displayed the finished plaques that your INSI will present to the Dutch and Danish Consuls. These beautiful 8" x 10" pieces are a credit to your INSI and will be presented in the near future.....The meeting was then turned over to Dr. Herbert Lippitz. Dr. and Mrs. Lippitz were members of the March 1974 AINA-Israel Tour, and he gave us a most interesting report of their trip. Among the items displayed was a beautiful album, showing photos and clippings of events and places concerning the tour. Also displayed was the Israel Government Medal that was presented to each tour member (see illustration). This official 1974 AINA Tour medal was struck from the same die as the official 1974 Season's Greetings or New Year's token. There were 45,000 of the Season's Greetings tokens struck in 30mm. copper-nickel compound, weighing 12.7 grams, but only 100 of the AINA Tour pieces were struck in brass, weighing 11.26 grams, thus creating a rarity. We thank Dr. Lippitz for his excellent and informative presentation.....The exhibits were next.....Then there was a recess during which delicious refreshments were enjoyed.....The meeting was again called to order, and Mr. Ben Odesser took over for our Annual Auction. First of all, we want to thank the donors for their donations, and the bidders for making purchases. After the donated auction there was a short regular auction, with the Club receiving 10% of the gross. Auctioneer Odesser pounded out $151.40 for the donated auction items and $89.50 ($8.95 for the Club) for the regular auction, thus giving the Club the total sum of $160.35. This success was due to the donors, the buyers, and to the efforts of the auctioneer. Thanks, Ben, for a job well done!

EXHIBITS: The first exhibitor was Mr. Donald Oppenheim. Don displayed and spoke on two tokens that were issued to mark "Jewish Day" during the 1933 Chicago Century of Progress. These 32mm. bronze and white metal pieces (also struck in other alloys) are now getting scarce, but are occasionally available from coin dealers.

Dr. Saul Needleman was next with a new elongated U.S. cent, bearing the symbol of seven different religions. Among these was a Star of David, symbolizing Judaism.

The third exhibitor was Mr. Harry Flower, who had two Banknote Sets as issued by the Israel Government. The first set, 1958-1960 "Bet Issue" (illustrated), consists of 1/2, 1, 5, 10, and 50 lirot in crisp condition. The 1968 "Gimel Issue" consists of the 5, 10, 50, and 100 lirot. This third issue, which is current, features portraits of outstanding Jewish personalities. Both sets are enclosed in a plastic wallet with printed numismatic and historical information. These are still available from the Israel Government Coins and Medals Corporation, 850 Third Avenue, New York, NY, 10022.....Harry also exhibited and spoke on the new album made to accomodate the complete coin issues of Palestine.

This loose-leaf album, titled "PALESTINE BRITISH MANDATE COINS 1927-1946" is about 8" x 9 1/4" and has three pages with 59 dated holes. The heavy cardboard covers are covered with blue cloth. This sturdy, well-made album is available from Nielsen-Porter, Incorporated, P.O. Box 42228, Houston, TX, 77042 for $6.95.

NEW ISRAEL COIN CATALOGUE: Recently released is the new publication, Israel's Money and Medals 1948/1973, published by A.H. Kagan, Ltd., New York, 11581. This 320 page fully illustrated soft cover volume is available from A.I.N.A., P.O. Box 3194, Church Street Station, New York, NY, 10008 for $7.95. This book lists, illustrates, gives the issue price, and for the first time, a present market value for Israel trade and commemorative coins, State medals, commissioned medals, Season's Greetings tokens, and paper currency. It is the latest and most complete catalogue of Israeli numismatics and is an essential reference for the Judaic Collector. We urge every serious collector to obtain a copy of this excellent book.

A NEW 25th ANNIVERSARY MEDAL: Just being released is the very impressive "Silver Anniversary Medal" honoring the Proclamation of Independence of the State of Israel. This privately issued medal features the monumental Proclamation, David Ben-Gurion standing below a portrait of Theodor Herzl. The signatures on the document occupy the lower portion. The reverse features Benno Elkan's masterpiece, the Knesset Menorah. Sculptress Clara Weinerth has so faithfully reproduced this Menorah that every detail is visible with the aid of a magnifying glass. It is an example of medallic art at its finest. This writer believes that it is one of the most magnificent medals that he has ever seen. It certainly would be an outstanding and important addition to any Judaic collection. The medal is 50mm. (2 inches) in diameter. 2000 will be struck in sterling silver (weighing 1,200 grains) frosted on brilliant proof, and 100 in platinum (weighing 5 troy ounces). The price is $50.00 in silver and $2000.00 in platinum. Coin clubs are allowed 10% discount on an order of 10 or more. Brochures will be available at the meeting or you may write to The Art Mint, P.O. Box 309, Forest Hills, NY, 11375.

SPERTUS COLLEGE AND MUSEUM OF JUDAICA: Spertus College of Judaica recently moved to its new home at 618 South Michigan Avenue in Chicago. This modern new building not only houses the College, but also the Maurice Spertus Museum of Judaica and the Asher Library. The College offers a four-year liberal arts curricula, leading to a Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Judaic Studies, or a Bachelor of Hebrew Literature degree, and includes general academic training or teacher education. It is the only nondenominational institution of higher Jewish learning in the Midwest, accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools; it is certified by the State of Israel and approved as an Illinois teacher education institution. Spertus College has become a school of Judaic Studies for ten major colleges and universities in the Chicago area.....As a point of interest, your INSI's first meeting place was the former location of Spertus College. Also, Mr. Maurice Spertus is a member of INSI. The Museum and the use of the Library are available to the public at no charge.

NEW MEMBERS: At the June meeting three people joined our INSI group. They were:

Mr. Robert Schwartz
Mr. Larry Cohen
Mrs. Merle Cohen

We welcome all of you and hope that you become active, enjoy our programs, and participate in our meetings.

INSI PERSONALS: We would like to inform our membership that INSI member Ray Yablun has recently opened his new store, "Chicago Coin Corporation" at 406 S. Michigan Avenue. Ray has been a respected coin dealer for many years in Chicago and Florida and has now opened this large, well-stocked store. When in the loop, stop in and visit with him.

The refreshments at the June meeting were donated by Sondra Needleman in honor of their anniversary. We thank you, and the Club extends their best wishes to Saul and Sondra Needleman.

PROGRAM FOR JULY: Program Chairman Joe Sporn has informed us that the program for July will be a half hour color film, "The Wilderness of Zin". This is a historical and archaeological movie made in Israel. From all reports this is a "winner" and should be enjoyed by all. Remember, guests are welcome.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: In reading the bulletins from other INS clubs each month, you can sense that each club has a special personality all its own. Each club emphasizes its own type of programs, exhibits and interests. But one thing all the clubs have in common is cooperation from their membership in preparing the club activities. A strong club cannot work in the hands of a few members. It takes a little effort on the part of every one.

INSI has gone over the 100 mark. All of you have something to contribute. Let's work together to make INSI grow even stronger.

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INSI BRIEFS

A 'BIT' OF NUMISMANIA by Dave Schecter

The time was 1566. The courts of Cleves, Nevers, Mantua and Montferrat were buzzing. Messengers scurried back and forth, carrying proposals and counterproposals, for the scent of a royal wedding was in the air, and such things as 'proper arrangements' had to be made. Mantua and Cleves, where the heads of the two families dwelt, were not great powers like England, France and Spain, but nevertheless exhibited pride equal to any of theirs.

The young Duke, Luigi di Gonzaga, a handsome young blade of twenty-six whose brother ruled the principality of Mantua, was all excited. He was a younger son and as fate would have it, would never rule that principality or any of its possessions, even Montferrat where he had been sent years before (at the age of three!) to protect the family interests. Still, his was a royal bloodline, and a proper wife had to be found for him. The diplomats who arranged such things had finally come up with what seemed to be a wise selection even if she was some twenty-seven years of age. No glamor girl she, but such things as beauty of face and figure were unimportant when weighed against the impressive nobility that existed in Cleves and Nevers. After all, Henrietta, Duchess of Nevers, granddaughter of Wilhelm, Duke of Cleves, was also a niece of that famous Lady of Cleves, Anne, Queen of England, whom Henry VIII jokingly referred to as his "Flanders Mare". Lineage certainly was a fact to be considered in balancing out the assets and liabilities of any royal marriage. The matter of dowry, tho of moment, was of secondary importance, for neither Cleves nor Mantua was particularly wealthy. Cleves was a quiet court, content to bask in the glory of its good name; Mantua on the other hand was constantly spending money in unremitting warfare with its arch enemy, the Visconti of Milan.

Yes, many things had to be taken into consideration even after negotiations were concluded. Among the arrangements to be made for the wedding was the creation of a new coat of arms. Between them, the young people were related to half the courts of Europe, and mention of this fact had to be made in their own particular design. The masters of Heraldry were put to work and finally came up with what might be considered a masterpiece; a beautiful escutcheon, quartered and paled, containing all the rights and honors to which the new couple was entitled.

In common with the rest of royalty, their main concern was an heir, for the matter of succession was very important. But immediate success was not to be their lot. It took almost three years before their efforts were crowned with success, and the Duchess became pregnant. This was an event of such importance that a token was struck, a lovely little thing (even tho of brass) bearing on the obverse their names, properly latinized as Ludovico and Henrica, and their titles, all surrounding the beautiful coat of arms which had been drawn up for them, calling even on Olympus (in Greek yet) and topped by a ducal crown. The reverse bears a delightful motto, in Latin of course, IN FERVORE CHARITATIS GRA(TIA)M D(OMI)NI EXPECTAM(US), (in the warmth of love we await the blessing of God). Purists might complain that CHARITATIS should not have an H in it, but regardless of spelling, it is still a beautiful sentiment. In the center is an altar upon which is engraved 1589 (here the engraver goofed, inverting the last two digits, which should have been 68, the year their first child was born). Above it is a sunburst, surmounted by that Most Holy Word, the name of God, in the language of God, Hebrew. The proud parents were apparently taking no chances. On the one side they called on the Gods of the Greeks, and on the other side the God of all right-thinking Christians (and incidentally, Jews as well).

All in all, this is a piece that can delight the heart of any numismatist since it marries so many of the faces of numismatics, history and art among them.

The writer wishes to thank those of his friends who contributed so much to this work: Liz Boynton and Bill Pettit in particular, and especially those anonymous 'ladies of the library' who unstintingly gave of their time, patience and legwork while he was researching the facts to flesh out this article.

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Wednesday, August 28, 1974
8:00 P.M.

RECAP OF JULY MEETING: After opening the meeting, President Saul Needleman requested the Treasurer's report. He then introduced our important visitor, Mr. Irv Berlin of Dallas, Texas. Mr. Berlin is President of the International Numismatic Association. We welcome him to visit us anytime that he is in the Chicago area.....We were then informed that the opaque projector, which was not satisfactory for our purpose, had been returned for full credit. A type that will fit our needs will be investigated, and a report made to the Club at a later date.. ...Orders for the new "25th Anniversary Medal" by The Art Mint, P.O. Box 309, Forest Hills, New York, 11375, were taken, and will be continued at the August meeting. This medal, illustrated in the July BULLETIN, will be on display for examination.....Dr. Needleman then read a letter from Mr. Melvin Greenstein, Director of Orchard Center, informing us that due to an expanding schedule at the Center, our meeting room would not be available to us after the end of this year. A committee of three, Leo Hecht, Bob Greenstein and Saul Needleman, will look for a new location and report to us at the next meeting.....Then a report about the plaques: the Dutch and Danish Consuls have sent their thanks, but requested a delay in the actual presentations.....The INSI Club medal will be made in nickel-silver alloy. These will be available to INSI members at $5.00. If interested, please make advance payment at the August meeting.. ...Suggested changes in INSI BY-LAWS were then discussed. These proposed changes are: (1) all past presidents to serve "ex-officio" on the nominating committee; (2) first vice president to automatically become the president the year following his election as vice president; (3) the terms of the members of the board to be staggered. These proposals will be discussed and voted on at the next meeting.....The exhibits were next, and then the program. As the scheduled film did not arrive on time; Dr. Alan Feinberg showed a series of his slides from an Israeli numismatic trip. These included photos of the Kadman Numismatic Museum, Masada and other places of interest. We thank Dr. Feinberg for "pinch-hitting" for us.

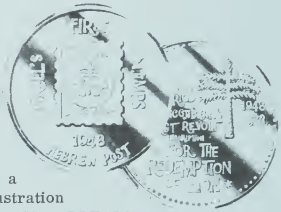
EXHIBITS: The first exhibitor was David Schecter, who had a book, BAR MITZVAH, edited by Abraham Katsh, Shengold Publishers, Inc., New York, 1955. This large volume, profusely illustrated with Jewish objects, such as menoras, mezuzahs, spice containers, mosaics, paintings, sculptures, synagogues, etc., would make an important addition to your Judaic library.

Ben Odesser was next with a display of Jewish tokens. These included various types, such as charity, community and contribution.

Saul Needleman was the 3rd exhibitor. He showed 2 of the Israel State Medals: First Immigrant Blokade Runners, 35mm. silver 1964 and Masada, 35mm. silver 1964. Also an ancient coin of Aelia Capitolina with Marcus Aurelius on the obverse, and U.S. Colonial money from South

Carolina, dated 23 Dec. 1776, with Hebrew letters (added as an anti-counterfeit device), a Pennsylvania note dated 3 April 1776, signed by John Morton, a signer of the Declaration of Independence.

The last exhibit was the combined effort of Dr. Morris Goldberg and Mr. Stewart Koppel. Each had a set of Israel stamps, No. 1 through 9 with tabs. These stamps picture ancient Jewish coins and are popularly known as "DOAR IVRI". They were issued May 16, 1948, the first Israel stamps and are now rare. One set of these were mounted on a special sheet for presentation to high officials. Also exhibited was a set of 9 medals, 39mm. in silver, each with a facsimile of these stamps. The illustration is of the first of this series. (See INSI BULLETIN of June 1973 for more information on these medals.)



INSI PERSONALS: Popular INSI member Robert Greenstein has recently changed jobs. He is now employed at GRAF COIN CO., 60 West Madison, in the Loop. This is a busy, well-stocked store with teletype service. When downtown, stop in for a visit with Bob.

Several INSI members have birthdays this month. Among them are Peggy Goldsmith, Pearl Greenstein, Lea Levy and Sheldon Lurie. We wish all of you a sincere, happy birthday! Also with August birthdays are Judah P. Benjamin and Bernard Baruch.

A. N. A. Educational Certificates were presented to Dave Schecter in behalf of the Aurora Coin Club and to Saul Needleman in behalf of the North Shore Coin Club. Congratulations to you both!

NEW MEMBERS: The latest additions to INSI are Robert and Marilyn Rosenstein of Chicago. We welcome you both and hope that you attend our meetings and enjoy Judaic numismatics with our group.

LERNER'S THIRD YOM KIPPUR WAR MEDAL: Just released is A. Lerner's 3rd Yom Kippur War Commemorative Medal. This new issue honors the U. S. Air Force Military Airlift Command (USAFMAC). When Arab pressure on NATO countries led to their balking at the prospect of aid to Israel passing through their bases, USAFMAC established a major airlift from Portuguese territory. The obverse of the medal shows a C-5A (Galaxy) heavy transport plane flying before a stack of badly needed artillery shells. Curved around is the inscription, "WHEN NATO QUIT/THE C-5A DELIVERED/OCT 1973". The reverse bears part of the USAFMAC emblem, symbolizing the Unit's ability to deliver to any part of the globe. Curved below in English, "U. S. MILITARY AIRLIFT COMMAND". There were 650 of these 31mm., 0.999 fine silver medals struck, and they are available for $7.50 from A. Lerner, P.O. Box G, Denville, New Jersey, 07834.

THE NEW DAVID BEN-GURION COMMEMORATIVE COINS: A.I.N.A. members and subscribers to IGCMC have probably received announcements and order forms for this new issue. It is dedicated to Israel's first Prime Minister, David Ben-Gurion, and is scheduled to be released in December. There will be three varieties of this commemorative coin.

(1). GOLD, Proof, face value 500 pounds. It will be struck in 22 carat gold, 35mm. weighing 28 grams. The mintage will be 53,500. This will be the largest gold coin in face value, diameter and weight so far issued by the State of Israel. (Illustrated above, to the left.) This gold issue will not be available to U.S. collectors.

(2). SILVER, BU, 0.935 fine, 37mm., weighing 26 grams; mintage 175,000 with a face value of 25 pounds. These will bear a Star of David mintmark and a smooth edge.

(3). SILVER, Proof. These also are 0.935 fine silver, 37mm., weighing 26 grams. This variety will have a mintage of 75,000 with a face value of 25 pounds and will bear a "mem" mintmark and a reeded edge. (Illustrated above, to the right.)

The obverse of the coin features the emblem of Israel in the center. Curved above in Hebrew, "Five Hundred Israeli Lirot" (for the silver on the right); below, around the lower rim, "ISRAEL" in English and Arabic and the date "1974" and "5735" in Hebrew.

The reverse (same for all 3 varieties, illustrated in the center above) features the portrait of Ben-Gurion within an incuse rectangle in the upper right. At the bottom center an emblem of Israel, and curved around is the name "DAVID BEN-GURION" in English and Hebrew, and the year of his birth and death "1886-1973", also in English and Hebrew.

Club orders for this issue will be taken at the August meeting. Only one of each, BU and Proof of the silver coins will be allowed. The BU are $25.00 + $1.00, and the Proof, $50.00 + $1.00. (As a point of interest the gold coin is $500.00 each.) If interested, you must make payment at this meeting.

PROGRAM FOR AUGUST: We have been informed that the film, "The Wilderness of Zin", arrived two days late to be shown at our last meeting. This will be our program for the August meeting. Don't miss this historical and archaeological movie made in Israel. Of course, guests are welcome.

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and THE CURRENCY OF THE UNITED STATES

by Harry Flower

Henry Morgenthau, Jr. was Secretary of the Treasury of the United States from January 1, 1934 to July 22, 1945. During his tenure of office his signature appeared on the currency of this country, thus making this currency collectable for the Judaic Numismatist. Although it would be quite costly to acquire a complete set of this currency, the lower denominations are rather common and are frequently hidden away in the home or in safe deposit boxes. The signature of Henry Morgenthau, Jr., Secretary of the Treasury, is on the following issues of United States currency:

LEGAL TENDER NOTES:
- 2.00 Series 1928C, 1928D
- 5.00 Series 1928B, 1928C

SILVER CERTIFICATES:
- 1.00 Series 1928E, 1934, 1935, 1935A
- 5.00 Series 1934, 1934A
- 10.00 Series 1934, 1934A

FEDERAL RESERVE NOTES:
- 5.00 Series 1934, 1934A
- 10.00 Series 1934, 1934A
- 20.00 Series 1934, 1934A
- 50.00 Series 1934, 1934A
- 100.00 Series 1934, 1934A
- 500.00 Series 1934
- 1000.00 Series 1934, 1934A
- 5000.00 Series 1934
- 10000.00 Series 1934

WORLD WAR II EMERGENCY ISSUES:

Hawaiian Overprint Series:
- 1.00 Series 1935A (Silver Certificate)
- 5.00 Series 1934, 1934A (F.R.N. of San Francisco)
- 10.00 Series 1934A (F.R.N. of San Francisco)
- 20.00 Series 1934, 1934A (F.R.N. of San Francisco)

North Africa and Europe Series:
- 1.00 Series 1935A (Silver Certificate)
- 5.00 Series 1934A (Silver Certificate)
- 10.00 Series 1934, 1934A (Silver Certificate)

Henry Morgenthau, Jr. was born in New York City in 1891. He was a publisher and later became active in public life; serving as New York State Conservation Commissioner and as Chairman of the Agricultural Advisory Committee. When Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt of New York became President (1933), he appointed Morgenthau, Chairman of the Federal Farm Board and Governor of the Federal Farm Credit Administration. The following year Morgenthau became Secretary of the Treasury. During his eleven year tenure of this office he raised $450,000,000,000 for Government operations. Morgenthau retired shortly after Roosevelt's death and served as General Chairman (1947-1950) and Honorary Chairman (1951-1953) of the United Jewish Appeal and was also the Chairman of the Board of the American Financial and Developmental Corporation for Israel from 1951-1954.

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The sixty-fourth general meeting of the Israel Numismatic Society of Illinois (INSI) will be held at the

ORCHARD CENTER
8600 Gross Point Road
Skokie, Illinois
Wednesday, October 2, 1974
8:00 P.M.

Due to the Holidays, as discussed at the last meeting, the regular September meeting will be postponed to the first Wednesday in October, and the regular October meeting will be held the 5th Wednesday, on October 30, 1974. To repeat, there will be no meeting in September, but there will be 2 meetings in October. Please mark your calendars.

The NEXT INSI MEETING will be

Wednesday, OCTOBER 2, 1974

RECAP OF AUGUST MEETING: President Saul Needleman called the meeting to order at 8:00 P.M. The Treasurer's report was given, and then Leo Hecht gave a report on the search for a new meeting location; discussion followed. The committee will continue the search for a new location. Dr. Needleman reminded the membership that orders for the Club Medal will still be accepted as well as orders for the magnificent "Silver Anniversary Medal" (See INSI BULLETIN, July 1974) from ART MINT, P.O. Box 399, Forest Hills, NY, 11375. Discussion of the price increases of Israel's Commemorative coins followed. Many members voiced their dissatisfaction with the high prices of the new issues. Ben Odesser then informed us of the announcement made at the AINA meeting (during the ANA Convention at Bal Harbour) that a new version of the gold Ben Gurion commemorative would be issued, to be available to U.S. collectors, after the first of the year..... The visitors were then welcomed. Among them was Frank Lapa, the well-known numismatist. We hope that all of you enjoyed our meeting and will visit us again..... As listed in the August 1974 BULLETIN, the proposed changes in the by-laws were voted on. The proposal that the 1st Vice President automatically become President was defeated, but the proposal that the terms of members of the Board be staggered was passed..... The exhibits were next, followed by a recess, and then the program. Joe Sporn took charge with the film, "The Wilderness of Zin". This Israeli-made film was excellent and was enjoyed by all. Thanks to Joe for making this available to us.

EXHIBITS: Ben Odesser displayed several Judaic tokens about which he spoke briefly. He also had 2 old U.S. checks that were of Judaic interest.

Paul Moss exhibited and spoke on a very interesting item of Judaica, a 17th century Megillah. This was handlettered in Hebrew on deer skin, each section fastened together with deer skin strips through punched holes. It was probably made in North Germany and is now a real museum item. We thank Paul for bringing this to our meeting. He also had a copy of, Great Jewish Portraits in Medal by Daniel Friedenberg, published by Schoken Books for The Jewish Museum. This is an important book and should be in the library of every Judaic coin

collector. It is currently available from most Jewish book stores or Temple book shops.

Harry Flower exhibited the section on "Henry Morgenthau, Jr. and the Currency of the United States" (see INSI BULLETIN of August 1974) from his album, JUDAIC NUMISMATICS OF NORTH AMERICA. He displayed his original article, Morgenthau's picture, an engraved print produced by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, Washington, D.C. and 20 examples of U.S. currency bearing his signature. Harry also exhibited two recent acquisitions, the silver and bronze O.R.T. medals. These were issued in 1972 by the O.R.T. School of Engineering in Israel and is an official Israel Commissioned Medal. This well designed medal by Karen Worth and engraved by Moshe Nov of Jerusalem is available in bronze from the Women's American ORT, 1250 Broadway, New York, NY, 10001.

The last exhibitor was Dr. Alan Feinberg with the latest addition to his extensive library. This was BAEDEKER'S PALESTINE AND SYRIA - Leipsic: Karl Baedeker publisher, 1894. This 444 page book contains 17 maps, 44 plates and a panorama of Jerusalem.

NEW CATALOGUE FROM ISRAEL GOVERNMENT COINS AND MEDALS CORP: A 52 page fully illustrated catalogue of the numismatic issues of the IGCMC has recently been released. This soft-bound 8 1/2 x 10 1/2 book, illustrated in color, gives information on commemorative coins, State medals, special medals for other institutions and agencies, and the New Year tokens. The issues covered are from 1958 through 1973. This official publication has been sent to all subscribers with an enclosed invoice for $5.00. It may be ordered for this amount from Israel Government Coins and Medals Corporation, 850 Third Avenue, New York, NY, 10022.

ISRAEL'S COIN AND MEDAL ISSUES FOR THE NEXT 12 MONTHS: In a recent newsletter from IGCMC the next 12 month program was outlined. (1). the Ben-Gurion Commemorative coins were discussed in the INSI BULLETIN, August 1974; (2). the HANUKKA COINS, 1974, a 10 pound in B.U. @$10.00 and in proof @$20.00, to be issued Dec. 1974 or Jan. 1975; (3). the PIDYON HABEN, 1975, 25 pounds in B.U. @$25.00 and in proof @$50.00; (4). OFFICIAL MINT SET, 1975, trade coins in silver-like tone with Star of David mintmark (not priced as yet); (5) INDEPENDENCE DAY COINS, 1975, dedicated to the silver jubilee of the State of Israel Development Bonds, 25 pounds in B.U. @$25.00 and in proof @$50.00, expected issue date is May, 1975; (6) TECHNION'S 50th ANNIVERSARY State Medal to be issued in silver and bronze (release date and price not announced); (7) ARTHUR RUBINSTEIN INTERNATIONAL PIANO MASTER COMPETITION State Medal in silver and bronze to be issued soon; and (8). CENTENARY OF CHAIM WEIZMANN'S BIRTH State Medal, specifications, date, price, to be announced later; and (9). a State Medal to honor the JEWISH BRIGADE in the SECOND WORLD WAR (details and date to be released later).

IN MEMORIAM: We sadly announce the passing of Mr. Maxwell Chalmers. The INSI membership extends its deepest sympathy to the bereaved family. Mac will be missed at our meetings.

INS of MICHIGAN SEMINAR: One of the most important Judaic numismatic event of the season will be the 2nd Great Lakes Seminar sponsored by the Israel Numismatic Society of Michigan. This will take place October 18, 19, 20, 1974 at the BIRMINGHAM HOUSE MOTEL, 145 S. Hunter Blvd., Birmingham, Michigan, 48011, phone: (313)-646-7300. (This is a suburb of Detroit.) The Seminar will feature an auction, exhibits, educational lectures, bourse, a cocktail party and a dinner. There will also be souvenirs and door prizes. Special motel rates are available for those staying overnight. The Detroit group is going "all out" to make this an

interesting, joyful and successful event. It would be fitting to have a sizable INSI delegation attend. Reservations may be made by writing INS of Michigan, P.O. Box 35412, Detroit, Michigan, 48235. Flyers and forms will be available at the September meeting.

INSI PERSONALS: INSI member, Robert Gartenberg of Wilmette, was one of the young numismatists around the country who won scholarships to the Annual American Numismatic Association Summer Seminar held recently in Colorado Springs. This is a real honor, and we congratulate Bob on this important achievement.

Special congratulations are in order for Ben Odesser. He was again elected to the Board of Token and Medal Society (TAMS).

It certainly was nice to have Mrs. Louis Nagy with us at the last meeting. Charlotte, we hope to have you with us for many, many more meetings.

Our records show that George Jaskiewicz and Saul Needleman have September birthdays. Best wishes for a happy day. George Gershwin was also born in September.

INSI COMMITTEES "AT WORK": Peggy Goldsmith, Diane Kahn and Sondra Needleman have been appointed as the committee for the 1975 INSI Awards Dinner. They are now in the process of making arrangements for our 3rd Annual Dinner Meeting to take place in January.

The new Awards Committee consists of Harry Flower, Dr. Morris Goldberg, Stewart Koppel and Sondra Needleman. The results of their meeting will be revealed at the Dinner Meeting.

LOMBARDO MINT OF CANADA ISSUES BEN-GURION MEDAL: The Lombardo Mint of Sherbrooke, Quebec has issued a 34mm. bronze and silver medal in honor of David Ben-Gurion. The regular price of this attractive piece is $3.50 for the bronze and $14.00 for the silver, but a club order of 25 or more would be allowed a discount of about 40%. These may be mixed with their previously issued Golda Meir medals. Individual orders may be sent to their U.S. Division, P.O. Box 525, Derby Line, Vermont, 05830. Both medals will be exhibited at the next meeting.

PROGRAM FOR THE OCTOBER 2nd MEETING: Rabbi Norman Berlat will speak on "An Ancient Religion in a Modern Land".

P.S.: The new Club medals have arrived. In case you did not notice, a picture of this medal is on the first page.

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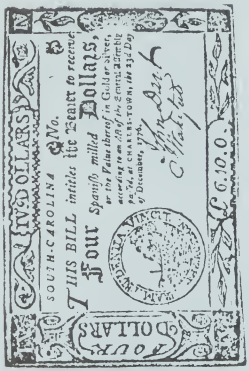
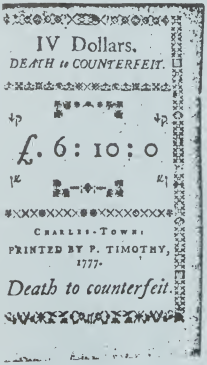
HEBREW LETTERS HELP STOP COLONIAL COUNTERFEITING by Saul B. Needleman





Between 1690 and 1788 about 1450 separate issues of paper money were authorized by the thirteen original American colonies. Very few of these issues were intended for free monetary exchange. Rather, most of these were used to raise funds for payment of expenses of military campaigns, building jails, lighthouses or waterworks or for some other specific general public improvement. Few issues were backed by anything other than faith and public law. Redemption of the bills generally was made against taxes. Thus each dollar which was redeemed, in effect, drew against the colonial treasury. To avoid the expense of redemption, many colonial legislatures set time limits for redemption—or exchanged one set of bills for newly issued bills, but at a lower rate — thereby conserving the treasury's tax funds.

At the same time that the colonies tried to conserve funds, counterfeiters were "flooding the market" with worthless reproductions of the almost equally worthless - but nevertheless, official - genuine notes. By 1725 the losses due to counterfeiting were so extensive that penalties were imposed against counterfeiters. Fines, more often than not were paid with counterfeit bills. Soon the ultimate penalty was made death, and each piece of paper money carried the statement, "Tis Death To Counterfeit". In spite of this, no more than one or two counterfeiters are known to have paid this price.

Many attempts were made to thwart counterfeiting. These included working the names of engravers and printers into the border designs, multi-colog printing, use of natural leaf patterns as part of the design, obvious or secret ornaments, etc. South Carolina in its issue of December 23, 1776 for $308,000 had recourse to a very unusual technique for preventing counterfeiting. Obviously the suggestion of a learned clergy, Hebrew letters were incorporated into the reverse design of these bills. Reasoning that the counterfeiter would not recognize the symbols as Hebrew letters, he would copy them as closely as possible but would not be able to duplicate the real letters. Thus the counterfeit notes could be detected when the "Hebrew letters" were compared with genuine notes. Four Hebrew letters appear on each note but no correlation is obvious between the value of the note and the numeric value of the Hebrew letter.

The bills were printed by Peter Timothy on thick brown paper in eight denominations from $1 to $20. Each bill has a small drawing on the face (tree, rooster, ship, bull, etc.) surrounded by a Latin motto. Sixteen different signatures have been found on this issue.

One point is worthy of special consideration. The reverse of these bills, the side with the Hebrew letters, is type-set. Thus a font of Hebrew type must have been available suggesting that, at least in South Carolina in 1776, there must have been in existence a Hebrew publishing company as it is not likely that this type would have been imported for use only on this one set of bills and nothing more.

This represents an interesting though non-Judaic use of the Hebrew language.

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BOB WEISZ STAMPS AND COINS
3936 N. Pulaski Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Wednesday, October 30, 1974
8:00 P.M.

As announced at the last meeting, the October INSI meeting will be held on the second floor meeting room above Bob Weisz Stamps and Coins at the above address. Please note that this meeting is the 5th Wednesday, October 30, for this month only.

RECAP OF SEPTEMBER MEETING: After calling the meeting to order, President Saul Needleman wished all a Happy New Year. The treasurer's report was then given, and a new member and guest were welcomed..... It was announced that we would meet in the new location on a trial basis. We thank Mr. Weisz for making this room available to us..... Dr. Needleman then appointed a Nominating Committee, consisting of Harry Flower, Dr. Alan Feinberg and Leo Hecht, to select a proposed slate of officers for 1975. (Dr. Feinberg will be unable to serve on the committee.).... The following constitutional amendments were proposed: (1) All active past presidents should automatically become members of the Board of Directors, and (2) All past presidents shall be ex-officio members of the Nominating Committee without authority to vote. These two amendments will be voted upon at the next meeting..... Diane Kahn and Peggy Goldsmith gave their reports on their progress for the Annual Dinner. It has now been finalized — it will be held Sunday, January 19, 1975 at Kenilworth Inn at 7110 N. Lincoln, Lincolnwood, Illinois. Be sure to save this important date for THE INSI social event of the year..... The door prizes were next. The lucky winners were Harry Flower, Leo Hecht, Aaron Kaplan, Bob Greenstein, Lillian Siegel and Mike Tipp..... The exhibits were followed by a recess during which refreshments were enjoyed, and the Club medals were distributed.

The scheduled speaker of the evening, Rabbi Norman Berlat, was unable to attend the meeting. Replacing him was Harry Flower, who spoke on "GOLD, through the Ages". In his talk he covered this popular subject from ancient times to the present; its history, chemical and physical properties, mining, standards of weights and purity, and finally its uses in jewelry, artifacts, dentistry, medicine, cosmetics, textiles, ceramics, electronics, signs, paintings, photography and coinage. After bringing out the important gold issues of the world, Harry told of the Judaic gold issues. These were the gold Daric of ancient Persia, the 1 and 5 Gramos of Tierra Del Fuego (an island of southern Argentina) in 1889, the 1 ounce or 1 Hercules piece of the Rothschild Banking House in Tangier(1954), and finally the recent gold coinage of the modern State of Israel. There was a large display of gold items to illustrate this talk.

EXHIBITS: Dr. Goldberg exhibited the new Israel official commission medals that were struck for the Ministry of Commerce and Industry to honor the Diamond Industry. The obverse features an isometric view of the Diamond Industry Building partially over a large geometric diamond. Curved around on each side in English and in Hebrew, "Diamonds - Israel's Spar-

kling Export". The reverse shows a pattern of a seven-branched candlestick fitting into the wheels of world industry. These medals were struck in 59mm. bronze and 45mm. silver, each with and without a tiny diamond. Dr. Goldberg also displayed the 3 medals that were issued by the Ghetto Fighter's House. These were, "The 30th Anniversary of the Jewish Partisans Struggle", "The Warsaw Ghetto Uprising", and "Bialystok Ghetto Uprising". For more information and availability see your INSI BULLETIN of May 1974.

Paul Moss was the 2nd exhibitor, with a book, CHINESE JEWS, by William Charles White, Paragon Book Reprint Corp., New York, 1966. This large, illustrated volume is a most interesting addition to any Judaica library and is probably available at some Jewish bookstores.

Harry Flower exhibited a book, THE LIFE AND WORKS OF FLAVIUS JOSEPHUS, translated by William Whiston and published by Holt, Rinehart and Winston, New York. He also had a full page feature article from the July 30, 1974 issue of The Jerusalem Post Weekly, "Josephus, a True Historian", that illustrated and narrated the present excavations in Israel, proving the reliability of Josephus' "History". Then Harry showed a new publication, THE DORE BIBLE ILLUSTRATIONS by Dover Publications, Inc., 180 Varick Street, New York, New York, 10014. This large, soft-covered volume contains 241 full page reprints of Gustave Dore's Bible illustrations (old and new testaments) and is available for $5.00 from the above address. He also displayed and spoke on 2 medals and a token. The first was a medal that was presented to the crew members of the U.S. Galaxies who flew equipment to Israel after the start of the Yom Kippur War. This was a regular Israel Army medal with the added special inscription: "WITH APPRECIATION/MIN. OF DEF. / I.D.F. / ISRAEL/ OCT. 73" on the reverse. The second medal was a beautiful presentation piece to those who contributed time and money to aid Jewish victims of World War I. It was issued by "American Jewish Relief Committee for Sufferers from the War 1914-1918". It was a 50mm. bronze, housed in an inscribed leather presentation case. The 3rd piece, a 60mm. brass token, was issued to identify the recipients of charitable foods. This piece was issued by the "Society of Young Israel. Friends of the Poor" and was used in a Jewish community in Germany during the 19th century. These three historical pieces are fine examples of Judaic numismatics. Sorry that photos are not available at this time.

The last exhibitor was Saul Needleman who introduced two new medals. These were the new Club medal, personally engraved with name and Club number, and the new Moshe Dayan medal. Both of these are discussed elsewhere in this BULLETIN. Saul also exhibited three ancients, Capta coins of Dacia, Parthia and Judaea.

At the August meeting Norbert Jericho exhibited and spoke on a rare and unusual token of Judaic interest. This was a RISHON LE ZION token, 23mm. brass, bearing the Hebrew inscription, "The first Zion they will be: Behold, behold them: and I will give to Jerusalem a messenger of good tidings." (Isaiah 41:27) This town in the Judean coastal plain was founded in 1882 by a Russian Zionist. Vineyards became the mainstay of the village, and wine cellars were built as early as 1887. Through the years the industry has greatly increased in this area, and today, CARMEL WINES are shipped throughout the world. We thank Norbert for bringing this historical token to the meeting. The publishing of this was inadvertently omitted in our last BULLETIN. Sorry, Norbert.

THE NEW INSI MEDAL: Our new Club medal is finally a reality! We have to thank David Silverman with his artistic genius who designed the piece and Saul Needleman whose perseverance carried the project through. The uniface medal is 39mm. in diameter and weighs 21.8 grams. It was struck on a nickel-silver alloy by Afco Corporation of Winona, Minnesota. A vertical line divides the piece into two unequal sections. The left side, which is about 2/3 of

the area, bears the inscription, "ISRAEL NUMISMATIC SOCIETY OF ILLINOIS" in four lines. Just above is a stylized Menorah. The smaller right side features a map of Illinois, with an ancient Jewish shekel in the center and the dates "1969" above and "5728" below, designating the English and Hebrew dates of the founding of your INSI. Most of the members agree that the piece is beautiful, and we are proud of it. INSI members may purchase the medal at the special price; nonmembers may order it at $6.50 from the Club address.

NEW MOSHE DAYAN MEDAL: This attractive medal is the first issue of the ISRAELI HEROES SERIES to be released by Friends of Israel's Disabled Veterans, 24350 Southfield Road, Southfield, Michigan, 48075. The medal is struck by Franklin Mint in 39mm. sterling silver and is encased in a lucite tabletop stand. It is available from the above address at $18.00 but INSI members are allowed a discount, $16.50 net. For additional information and a brochure, write to the above.

The 1975 AINA TRIP TO ISRAEL: The 7th Annual Study Tour to Israel will take place from March 4 to 18, 1975. If any of you are planning an Israeli trip next year, this tour has many advantages. A brochure will be available at the October 30 meeting.

AURORA COIN CLUB SHOW: The Aurora Coin Club Annual Show will take place Sunday, November 10, 1974. This popular event will be an all-day affair at the Masonic Temple, 104 S. Lincoln Avenue, Aurora, Illinois.

INSI PERSONALS: We want to welcome our newest member, Mrs. Lillian Siegel. We hope that you and Hy will continue to attend our meetings and enjoy Judaic numismatics with us.

We welcome back Dr. Morris Goldberg from his recent medical convention trip to Israel. Did you notice his excellent display of medals that he brought back?

Guess whose birthdays are in October? INSI members Cy Lillien, Sid Lorber, Michael Sporn, and your editor Harry Flower. Also born in October were David Ben-Gurion and Moses Montefiore.

Special thanks are due David Silverman for doing the art work on our Club medal. The medal is beautiful and a credit to our Club. Many thanks, Dave!

PROGRAM FOR OCTOBER: Those attending the October meeting are in for a treat. Our speaker will be INSI member, Attorney Nathan Eglit. At the time of this writing we do not know his subject, but you may be assured that it will be informative and interesting. Nate is not only a successful lawyer and numismatist, but also a prolific writer. He has authored dozens of articles and several books. Be sure to attend this meeting, and bring your friends.

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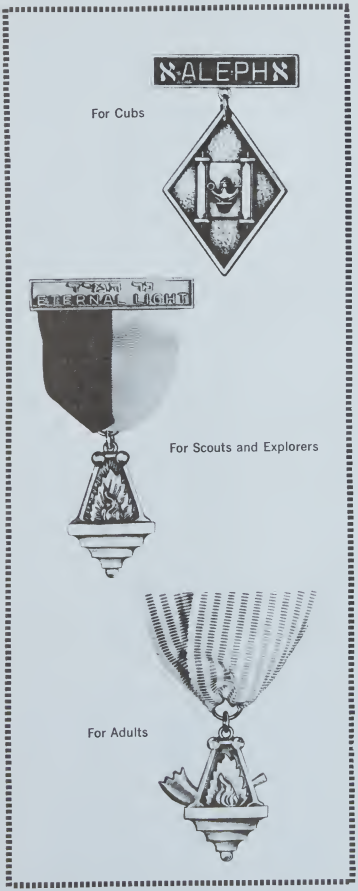

Jewish Medals in American Scouting

By Saul B. Needleman

The Boy Scout movement was founded in Great Britain in 1907 by Sir Robert Baden-Powell. It spread to the U.S. three years later under the guidance of Daniel Beard and William D. Boyce. Today there are scout groups in about 70 countries and about 5 million boys are in the Boy Scouts of America.

From the beginning, the necessity of religious experience in the proper development of boys was recognized. In line with this, the 12th law of the scout code states "A scout is reverent". Recognizing the need for a formal program of religious study within the scout movement, in 1948, in Brooklyn, a group of Jewish rabbis and laity created the Ner Tamid program to develop the 12th law of scouting. Following a period of specialized training in the history and culture of Judaism and in the role of Judaism in scouting, the boy is eligible to receive the Ner Tamid medal in recognition of his religious advancement in scouting. To emphasize the difference from merit badges, the religious award is worn on the left ranked in status and difficulty of achievement only with the Eagle award, the highest rank in scouting.

By 1950 the program was extended to the cub scouts with the Torah award later changed to the Aleph award. To recognize their contributions to Judaism in scouting, adults are eligible for the honorary Shofar award.

Last year 400 Ner Tamid, 150 Aleph and 125 Shofar awards were given. At present 16 major religious groups offer religious scout awards and two maintain cub level programs.

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Wednesday, November 27, 1974
8:00 P.M.

Due to an unfortunate misunderstanding, Mr. Weisz confused our INSI meeting on Wednesday with the meeting of SIP (Society of Israel Philatelists) which meets on Thursday. Consequently, no one from his firm was at the facility to admit our members. Bob is sorry for his oversight and any inconvenience caused to our members. Member Aaron Kaplan came to the rescue and offered his home as a meeting place.

RECAP OF OCTOBER MEETING: President Saul Needleman called the meeting to order in the beautiful home of Aaron and Selma Kaplan. The Treasurer's report was given, and the guests were introduced and welcomed. (An honored guest was Mr. Sheldon Garber, President of the Decalogue Society.).....We were informed that orders were coming in for our Club Medal. Remember that these are still available at a special price to INSI members.....Saul then announced that our Annual Dinner, which will take place January 19, 1975 at the Kenilworth Inn, 7110 N. Lincoln, Lincolnwood, Illinois, will be $7.00 per person. Last year 40 members and friends attended; for next year let us increase the attendance to this important INSI event.....The door prizes were next. The winners were Aaron Kaplan, Nate Lomansky, Bob Goldsmith, Ernest Levy, Ben Odesser, Bob Greenstein, Hy Siegel, Dave Silverman, Abe DeKoven, Harry Flower and Leo Hecht.....Mr. Aaron Kaplan then spoke on the book, Domestic and Foreign Coins Manufactured by the Mints of the United States 1793-1970. It lists 42 foreign countries for which the U.S. Mints have produced coins; among these countries is Israel. The book is available from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C., 20402, Stock No. 4805-00012, and the price is 75¢. We thank Aaron for donating his copy to our INSI Library.

The speaker of the evening was our own INSI member, Attorney Nathan Eglit, who by the way is a charter member of the Decalogue Society of Chicago. Nate has authored several books and many articles. One of the more important is COLUMBIANA, The Medallic History of Christopher Columbus and the Columbian Exposition of 1893. This book is the numismatic "bible", and Mr. Eglit is the numismatic authority on this subject. His topic for the evening was "Christopher Columbus - A Jew?". The speaker told of the various bits of historical facts that led many to believe that Columbus was a Jew, and of the research that has been made and will be made in the future. Nate displayed several beautiful medals of Columbus as well as some books on this interesting subject. Everyone present enjoyed this very interesting and historical talk and want to sincerely thank him. We also want to thank him for the donation of 6 copies of COLUMBIANA. In appreciation President Needleman presented Mr. Eglit with a Club Medal.

THE INS OF MICHIGAN SEMINAR: Harry Flower represented your INSI at the INSM Seminar that was held at Birmingham, Michigan (suburb of Detroit) on October 18-20, 1974. This was the 2nd Great Lakes Seminar; the 1st was held in Cleveland last year. Next year the 3rd will be held in Toronto, and the 4th to be held in 1976 by our own INSI. As reported, the event was a great success, and there is no reason why our group cannot have as good or better convention in 1976. The main events of the seminar were the well qualified and distinguished speakers. Among them were Jacob Meshorer (author of Jewish Coins of the Second Temple Period and the Curator of the Archaeological Museums in Israel), Fred Bertram (an officer of the Judaic Heritage Society), Nahum Hacohen (U.S. Director Israel Coins and Medals Corporation), Morris Bram (President of A.I.N.A.), Sanford Brown (speaker from INS of Cleveland), Stanley Yulish (speaker from INS of Cleveland), and Dr. R.P. Neilsen (of Nielsen-Porter, Inc. of Houston) from Texas. Of course, there were many other well-known figures in the Judaic numismatic field not mentioned here. There was a cocktail party Saturday followed by a dinner. Entertainment was provided by the Israeli Folk Dancers. Sunday morning there was an informal gathering at a continental breakfast, while the dealers were conducting a coin bourse in the adjacent larger room. Those attending the seminar were given a ribbon-type badge, into which was incorporated their elongated coin (see illustration). This elongated was rolled on Israel 5 agorot coins and on U.S. cents.

After this report the chairman asked for workers for our 1976 seminar. Four members — Harry Flower, Peggy Goldsmith, Saul Needleman and David Silverman — volunteered. They will be the nucleus for the future steering committee. Others are needed and are urged to join this group.

MR. AVNI ANSWERS PRICE RISE COMPLAINTS: In a xerox copy of a letter from Mr. Yitzhak Avni, Director of the Israel Government Coins and Medals Corporation, to Morris Bram, President of AINA sent to our President, Mr. Avni indicated the numerous complaints from U.S. collectors on the recent price increase of Israel coins. Now, with the new increased price, a collector has to invest $190.00 annually or $16.00 per month to buy the commemorative issues each year; namely, a B.U. and proof of Independence Day Coin, the Pidyon Haben and the Hanukka and also a mint set. Mr. Avni goes into detail as to the reasons for the price increase, giving very logical and reasonable answers. As this letter is too long to reproduce here, it will be available and discussed at the next meeting.

NEW BEN-GURION PLAQUE: Sculptor Paul Vincze of London has issued a new plaque to mark the first anniversary of the death of David Ben-Gurion. This issue is similar to his "MOSES" (1972 issue) and to "ISRAEL'S 25th ANNIVERSARY" (1973 issue) plaques. All of them are 4 1/2 x 6 1/2 inches mounted on 6 x 8 inch onyx-type Perspex (lucite). These are priced at $95.00 in bronze, $125.00 in oxidized silver, and $160.00 in gilded silver. To order or to obtain more information, write to Paul Vincze, 5 Rossetti Studios, Flood Street, Chelsea, London, S.W. 3, England.

FRANKLIN MINT 1974 HANUKKAH MEDALS: The new 1974 Franklin Mint Holiday Medals are currently available. This year's medal, "Hanukkah Prayer", sculptured by William Shoyer is a beautiful work of art. It was struck in silver and bronze in 39mm. size. The sterling silver proof at $14.00 is complete with a lucite stand, while the bronze edition at

$3.00 is mounted on a "Happy Hanukkah" card. These are available from many coin dealers or ordered directly from Franklin Mint, Franklin Center, Pennsylvania, 19091.

INSI PERSONALS: Congratulations are in order for INSI member Robert Leonard, who was recently elected to the Board of Directors of Illinois Numismatic Association. Bob is also the editor of their publication, COIN DIGEST.

Robert Gartenberg has been appointed JUNIOR representative to the ANA from the Illinois Numismatic Association. Congrats, Bob!

Best wishes are in order for Robert Gartenberg, Stewart Koppel, Jeffery Lillian and Sherry Nortman, who have November birthdays. Also born this month were Chaim Weizmann and Benedict Spinoza.

Special thanks are due to Selma and Aaron Kaplan for "donating" their home for the October meeting. Aaron came to the rescue after we were left "in the cold".

It sure was nice to see Dr. H.J. Melom of Oak Park at this meeting. Due to other commitments he is usually unable to attend. Of course, he is most welcome, when available.

We welcome back Dr. and Mrs. Alan Feinberg from their recent trip to England. Of course, we expect a report and a display of newly acquired numismatic items.

PROGRAM FOR NOVEMBER: Rabbi Norman Berlat will be our guest speaker for November. His subject will be "An Old Faith in a New Land - The Birth of American Jewry". This will be a slide presentation with commentary. Rabbi Berlat is well-qualified in this field, and I am sure that his program will be most interesting and educational. Friends are welcome to attend.

In keeping with the theme of the evening, members who have religious, historical or numismatic items pertaining to early American Judaism should bring them to this meeting. This will be an ideal time to display and tell us about your possessions.

INSI ELECTION FOR 1975 OFFICERS: Another year is coming to an end. December is election time for new INSI officers. A Nominating Committee has been appointed by the President, and their proposed slate will be published in the December BULLETIN. But remember that Part G of Section 1 of Article III of the INSI CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS states that, "Any member in good standing may at the December meeting nominate a member with the nominee's consent to serve for any of the elective offices, and seconded by another member."

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THE ADOLPH JELLINEK MEDAL

by Harry Flower

This beautiful and rare portrait medal of Rabbi Jellinek is a favorite in this writer's collection. It is one of the most outstanding and important medals in the rabbinic series and was issued in 1894 by David Kallai in silver and bronze. Both types are 55mm. in diameter. The silver issue weighs 53.05 grams, and its edge is hallmarked.

The obverse of the medal features the high-relief likeness of Dr. Jellinek, facing straightforward. Curving around most of the rim is the German inscription, "DR. ADOLPH JELLINEK OBERRABBINER U. PREDIGER DER ISRAEL. CULTUSGEMEINDE WIEN." (Dr. Adolph Jellinek Chief Rabbi and Preacher of the Israel Congregation Vienna).

In the field to the left in four lines, "GEB:/ DRSLAVITZ/ 29. OCT. / 1820" (Born: Drslawich Oct. 29, 1820), and in the right field, "GEST:/ WIEN/ 28. DEC. / 1893" (Died: Vienna Dec. 28, 1893).

The reverse features a wreath of olive leaves and fruit, enclosing a 4-line Hebrew inscription, "Not by might/ nor by power/ but by My spirit/ saith the Lord of Hosts". Just below in small German script is the source, "Sccharjah Cap. 4. VI." (Zechariah Chapter 4, VI).

Adolph Jellinek was born in Drslawich, Moravia in 1820. He was the rabbi in Leipzig from 1845 until he became "Prediger" (preacher) in Vienna in 1857. His sermons attracted large multitudes of listeners, both Jew and Gentile. These sermons expressed a profound influence on Jewish homiletics. He was associated with the New Learning within Judaism and wrote on the history of Kabbalah and medieval Jewish philosophy. Dr. Jellinek was one of the greatest speakers of modern Judaism, a powerful apologist and an accomplished homilist. He was a fertile scholar in various fields of Judaica. About 200 of his sermons and many of his other works have been published.

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The sixty-seventh general meeting of the Israel Numismatic Society of Illinois(INSI) will be held at

BOB WEISZ STAMPS AND COINS
3936 N. Pulaski Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Wednesday, December 18, 1974
8:00 P.M.

We will begin this BULLETIN by wishing our members, their families and their friends a sincere HAPPY HANUKKAH and a very MERRY CHRISTMAS. Also known as the "Festival of Lights", Hanukkah is symbolized by the Menorah. In honor of the holidays this month, we are illustrating this medal, featuring "The Menorah", sculptured by Daniel Stapleford. This piece was released in the Happy Hanukkah Card by the Franklin Mint in their 1970 issue.

Please note that the meeting will take place on the 3rd Wednesday, December 18 at the new meeting location. We urge all members to make a special effort to attend this important meeting. There will be the election of 1975 officers, interesting exhibits and talks by our own members, and our annual Hanukkah Party.

RECAP OF NOVEMBER MEETING: President Saul Needleman called the meeting to order at the new location. After the Treasurer's report he reminded the members of our Annual Dinner and that reservations would be taken after adjournment. If you have not yet paid, please do so at the December meeting or mail in your check. (More later).....After a long delay due to a mailing address mix-up, the 25th Anniversary Medal from Art Mint arrived. These beautiful works of art are still available at the special price for Club members.....The official IGCMC New Year Token will be delayed this year. There was an engraving error in the die; the word, "GREETINGS" was spelled "GREATINGS". Some were mailed to Israeli collectors before the error was discovered. Of course, those that remained were destroyed. Corrected tokens will be mailed as soon as possible.....Dr. Needleman then spoke of the 4th Great Lakes Seminar, which will be sponsored by your INSI in 1976, and the need for a few more people for the initial committee. As of now, Harry Flower, Peggy Goldsmith, Saul Needleman and David Silverman have signed up.....Sales of our Club Medal have been quite good through the mail. It is still available at the special price to INSI members. (See INSI BULLETIN, October 1974.).....The exhibits were next.....Then the speaker of the evening, Rabbi Norman Berlat, presented his program. He spoke on the early history of the Jews in the United States and other parts of the western hemisphere. His talk was most interesting and was illustrated by many slides of old buildings and scenes of New York (New Amsterdam until 1664) — synagogues, tenements, push carts, etc. He was well informed on the subject, and his scholarly presentation was well received. We thank Rabbi Berlat for bringing this program to us. In appreciation, he was presented with our first Club Speaker's Medal.

EXHIBITS: Robert Leonard was the first exhibitor, and he showed nine coins of Ptolemaic

Egypt and the City of Tyre. These ancient coins included a piece of the famous Cleopatra VII and a shekel of Tyre. It is interesting to note that the Shekels of Tyre had been used as early Pidyon Haben money.

Ernest Levy exhibited a most unusual Sabbath oil lamp that had belonged to his grandfather. It was made of brass and was about 18 inches high. There were six elongated cups to hold oil, with a smaller saucer connected at the bottom to catch any overflow. This interesting piece had been used by his family for many years.....Also an old book, JERUSALEM by Moses Mendelsohn, printed in Gothic German type in the 1700's.....And an album, containing "The Medallic History of the Jews of America" issued by The Judaic Heritage Society of New York and struck by The Franklin Mint.

In keeping with the theme of the evening, Dr. Alan Feinberg displayed and spoke on a book by Morris A Schappes, THE JEWS IN THE UNITED STATES (A Pictorial History 1654 to the Present), The Citadel Press, New York, 1958.....He also had an interesting spinner token. When in motion, it pictured a cross of Jerusalem and the words "Souvenir of Palestine".

The last exhibitor, Dr. Saul Needleman, had an interesting French Mint medal, showing a city view of Nuremburg. This large copper 5" medallion was modeled after the 5 ducat gold piece of 1677.....Saul also had a very interesting token of Judaic interest. This piece resembled the 1949 - 100 pruta coin of Israel, with the exception that it bore the additional legend, "Chanukah/ Gelt R.S.K.S." These initials probably stand for the organization or institution that issued them. Information concerning this would be appreciated.

ELECTION OF 1975 INSI OFFICERS: As per the INSI Constitution an election of officers for 1975 will take place during the December meeting. The following proposed slate was submitted by the Nominating Committee:

President - Mr. Stewart Koppel
First Vice President - Dr. Morris Goldberg
Second Vice President - Mr. Leo Hecht
Secretary - Mr. Robert Greenstein
Treasurer - Mr. Robert Leonard

Nominations will also be accepted from the floor with the permission of the nominees.

NEW INSI MEMBERS: The latest additions to our INSI are Sheldon Garber of Chicago, J.J. Van Grover of New York City, and Miriam and Lionel Webster of Calumet City. We welcome all of you to our organization.

HANUKKAH PARTY AND PROGRAM FOR DECEMBER: December has traditionally been the time of our INSI Hanukkah Party. There will be coffee, soft drinks, candy, cake and other goodies. Members may bring and donate sweets for this event. Anything will be appreciated. Also, there will be souvenirs for the younger set.

There will not be an outside speaker at this meeting. Members are urged to bring a numismatic or Judaic item for display and give a short talk about it. Especially appropriate would be something related to Hanukkah. Let us try to make this an interesting series of short talks on a large number of exhibits.

INSI ANNUAL DINNER: The INSI Annual Awards Dinner will take place on January 19, 1975 at the Kenilworth Inn, 7110 N. Lincoln Avenue, Lincolnwood, Illinois. The price is $7.00

per person for members and their guests, and $7.50 for nonmembers. Please make your payment at the December meeting. If unable to attend this meeting, make your check payable to INSI, and mail it to the Club Box 326, 430 South Michigan, Chicago, IL, 60605.

The principal speaker at the dinner will be Dr. Yaakov Meshorer, probably the world's authority on ancient Jewish coins. He is a graduate of Hebrew University where he studied archaeology and history. Dr. Meshorer has written many articles and books. His best known, JEWISH COINS OF THE SECOND TEMPLE PERIOD, was originally published in 1966 in Hebrew, but it is now available in English. Dr. Meshorer is also the Curator of the Archaeological Museums in Israel and is the Numismatic Consultant to the Israel Government. His presentation will be with slides and narration. This may be a "once in a lifetime" opportunity for many of us to hear him.

From New York we will have as our guest Mr. Nahum H. Hacohen, who is the Liaison Officer for North America for the Israel Government Coins and Medals Corporation. It will be an honor to have Mr. Hacohen address our group.

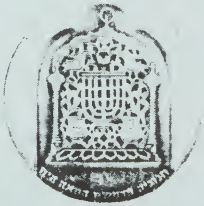
Our third guest, also from New York, will be Mr. Morris Bram, President of the American Israel Numismatic Association (AINA). Mr. Bram is a world-renowned numismatist and is one of the founders of AINA.

These three well-known people will make a special trip from New York to be our guests. This is an honor for your INSI, and we can show our appreciation and convey our thanks by having a large attendance.

INSI PERSONALS: December appears to be THE birthday month for INSI members. We wish the following the best Birthday Wishes: Nate Eglit, Dr. Morris Goldberg, Alvin Goldsmith, Robert Greenstein, Henry Jaskiewicz, Dr. H.J. Melom, Louis Nagy, Benjamin Nortman, Ben Odesser, Donald Oppenheim and Lillian Siegel.

NEW HANUKKAH SILVER BAR: A new 1974 one ounce 0.999 fine silver bar has been produced by the Madison Mint. This unofficial piece is beautiful and features an Eternal Light, in honor of the 1974 "Festival of Lights". It is currently available (about $8.50 plus postage) from many dealers.

THE NEW ISRAEL 1974 HANUKKAH COIN: Information on the 1974-dated Hanukkah has been released. This 0.900 fine silver coin will have a face value of 1L 10.00 (10 pounds) and will be issued in two varieties: 125,000 in B.U. with a "Star of David" mint mark and with a smooth edge; and 75,000 in proof with the letter "mem" and with a milled edge. One side of the coin will feature a unique 18th century menorah that was made in Damascus, Syria and is on exhibition at the Tel-Aviv Museum. The price and ordering instructions have not been received. They will probably be available in January.



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PAPER NECESSITY MONEY OF THE HOLY LAND

Saul B. Needleman, Ph.D.

Paper tokens of Palestine and Israel show a mix of talmudic charity, economic necessity and history. The tokens are of four main types: transportation, payment of taxes, charity and military canteen purchases.

When bus fares were raised from 5 to 7 mils in 1942, the shortage of small change required the transportation co-ops to issue paper "change tokens". The size and design vary considerably between co-ops. In 1953 a second series of tokens (5 prutot) appeared for payment of fares, featuring a Mogen David Adom with the legend in Hebrew: "If this token is not used, its value will be donated to Magen David Adom."

The Waad (City) of Tel-Aviv issued paper coupons on August 15, 1948 and April 27, 1949 to alleviate the difficulty in collecting taxes because of the shortage of small change. These carry the legend, "Town of Tel Aviv/ For Payment of Taxes to the Town/ in the Amount of 50" (or 100)"Mils." Since about 88% were redeemed and destroyed, these coupons are very rare today.

Many examples of charity tokens are known. These tokens, which were officially-recognized private monetary issues entitling the bearer to a fixed amount of food, became common in the Jewish Diaspora in the 18th-19th centuries. They are described in the monograph, "Jewish Community Tokens" by Bruno Kisch. A famous charity token of Jerusalem is the matzoh money of Dr. Moshe Wallach of Shaarei Zedek Hospital. These uniface 90x50mm. chits were distributed to Palestinian Jews in 1915 and entitled the bearer to half a "Rotel Matzoh" of clean flour at the price of 15.30 grosh per Rotel from local merchants. The chits were redeemed through local banks from the hospital relief account of Dr. Wallach.

Noah Zagaggi's grocery in Jerusalem issued uniface tokens which served as a basis of a charity and credit system for many shops. The cards were of 5,10,20,50 (2 types) and 250 mils denomination in two sizes (58x40mm. and 65x46mm.) and were sold at a discount. This store still exists and is run by Noah's sons. One of them, Mordechai, was the first Comptroller General of Israel. A few pieces exist with the Zagaggi signature.

The most infamous of the canteen chits were used in the concentration camps set up on Cyprus by Ernest Bevin, Prime Minister of Britain, to hold the "illegal Jewish immigrants" attempting to reach Palestine. Since the British forbade the use of money in the camps, the 60,000 internees were issued script, not to exceed £4 per person per month in the canteens, by the American Joint Distribution Committee in Cyprus under Mr. Morris Laub. The 114x72mm. tokens were printed by the Sinai Printers in Jerusalem for 1,2 and 5 shillings on blue, yellow or green security paper. The name of the Committee appears in English and Hebrew at the top and the value is in the center. To either side in English (l) and Hebrew (r) is the legend: "Good for Purchases in the Canteen in Cyprus or for Exchange for Cash in Jerusalem." Because of British objections a second series was printed without reference to Jerusalem. All are rated R6.

Sabbath script is routinely used by members of the Israel Defense Forces against canteen purchases made on the Sabbath. The 1956 Sinai Campaign issue designates use for purchase of a package of wafers, a roll of candy, a bottle of nonalcoholic beer or a roll of fruit toffee. These are 87x64mm. uniface cards. The issue of 1973 is on blue or green security paper and has a long Hebrew text indicating Sabbath use. The value is I £ 1 and good for any purchase.

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